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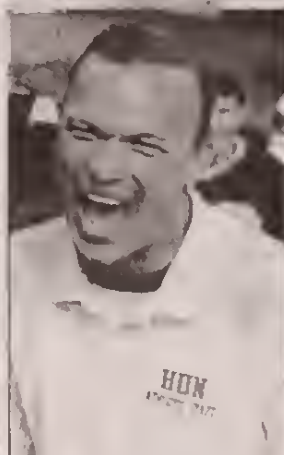
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Saying Good-bye (to Davidson's) Is Hard to Do

Ten years ago, when Davidson's was moving up the street to a larger and more modern store, aisle after aisle of shelves in the brand-new location stood waiting to be filled. Today, the shelves are empty again. But this time no shoppers await, and they will remain bare.

A 20-percent-off sale that began last week, drew people looking for bargains. At the same time, many took the opportunity to say good-bye to the store that has served Princetonians for 44 years.

Davidson's continued to do business this week, although there was little stock. Next week it will close. After renovations, the Colorado-based chain of natural food stores, Wild Oats Markets, will move in.

"I've shopped here since I moved to Princeton 4½ years ago," said Nassau Street resident Bobray Bordelon. "This will completely destroy the cosmopolitan feel of Princeton. For elderly people without a car it will be very difficult."

Maple Street resident Tessie Costa, white-haired and rosy-cheeked, said she had been shopping at



Tessie Costa
A Davidson's Customer
for Four Decades

Davidson's since her son was a couple of years old. "And he's 44 now.

"This is very sad. These people are very special. I'll miss them so much," Ms. Costa said as she left the store. "It's so personal. I cried when I heard it was closing. I cried

when I talked to people who are leaving."

Dr. Ben Wright, who lives on Overbrook Drive, said it was too bad to see the life and death of something as human as a store. "It's a business decision, a kind of comment on what's happening in the center of Princeton — all the

empty stores up the street.

"It's like losing your favorite collie dog. You know the collie all these years, shaggy long hair and all. All of a sudden it's not there any more."

Others also commented on how hard it will be for neighborhood

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Two Governing Bodies Assess Joint Capital Budget Requests

Sitting around the giant circular table in the Township Municipal Building's main meeting room, members of Borough Council and Township Committee deliberated together on December 8, concerning capital budget requests for 1998 from agencies funded jointly by the two governing bodies.

They approved total expenditures of \$74,500 for the library — most of it for upgrading and replacing outmoded equipment and furniture, including nine computer systems and one CD-ROM drive. The Borough will contribute \$23,840, while

the Township share is \$50,660.

Library Director Jacqueline Throsher pointed out that refurbishing the Technical Services area, for a price tag of \$10,000, would transform a department where the same furniture has been in use since the library opened 32 years ago. "The department looks like a make-shift used furniture store," she declared.

Communications equipment will also be upgraded, for a total of \$10,000. An electronic telephone answering system will be installed, along with voice mail.

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Woman Faces Charges After Scalded Toddler Gets No Medical Care

Township Police arrested a 28-year-old Redding Circle woman on two counts of aggravated assault and one count of endangering the welfare of a minor last Wednesday. Deanna Gillette is accused of placing her 18-month-old foster son in a bathtub of scalding hot water, and then failing to get him medical treatment for the second- and third-degree burns that resulted.

A caseworker from the State Department of Youth and Family Services (DYFS) made a routine visit to Ms. Gillette's 62 Redding Circle home on Wednesday evening and noticed untreated second- and third-degree burns covering more than 10 percent of the child's body. The caseworker told Ms. Gillette to seek immediate medical attention for the child. Ms. Gillette took the child to a doctor, and the DYFS worker contacted the Township Police Department.

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SANTA IN THE SQUARE: Ben Waters of Princeton Township and his 22-month-old daughter, Eileen, enjoy a happy moment with Jolly Ol' Saint Nick Sunday afternoon in Palmer Square.

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Scalded Child

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Township Detective Art Villaruz, accompanied by a DYFS caseworker, met Ms. Gillette at the doctor's office. Detective Villaruz placed Ms. Gillette under arrest, and the DYFS employee took custody of the burned child and of two other foster children, a 3-year-old girl and a 3-month-old girl, who had been in Ms. Gillette's care. Ms. Gillette's two biological children were placed in the care of relatives.

Further investigation revealed that the child had been scalded more than four days prior to the caseworker's visit to Ms. Gillette's home. He was taken to the Burn Center at St. Barnabas Hospital in Livingston, where he was reportedly in stable condition.

Ms. Gillette was held for lack of \$25,000 bail until her arraignment in front of Mercer County Superior Court Judge Thomas DeMartin on Friday. Defense attorney Lennuel Blackburn then argued for a reduction in bail to \$10,000, but Judge DeMartin, citing an "extremely high" likelihood of conviction, placed bail at \$15,000 cash. As of Tuesday evening, Ms. Gillette remained in the Mercer County Corrections Center.

Extreme Pain

Prosecutors reported on Tuesday that they believe Ms. Gillette's foster son was burned by the scalding bathwater early in the afternoon on November 29. Second-degree burns are characterized by the destruction of the

outer layer of skin, and cause pain, redness, and loss of fluid. Third degree burns destroy the deeper layers of skin as well, often preventing the tissue from regenerating.

The young victim was burned across his back from his left shoulder blade to his buttocks. One investigator reported that the child "must have been in agony" during the four days before he received treatment.

Of the two counts of aggravated assault filed by police, one was for "purposeful" behavior and the other for "reckless" behavior. When prosecutors determine whether they believe Ms. Gillette acted with intent to harm the child or simply with negligence, one of the charges will likely be dropped.

Ms. Gillette became a foster parent on July 31 of this year, said Wendi Patella, spokeswoman for the State Department of Human Services, which oversees DYFS. She described a screening process for foster parents that takes three to four months and includes a criminal background check, medical and personal references, and training sessions.

In her arraignment on Friday, Ms. Gillette's lawyer indicated to the court that his client suffers from manic depression, and that she has been receiving medication and psychiatric treatment for the condition for several years.

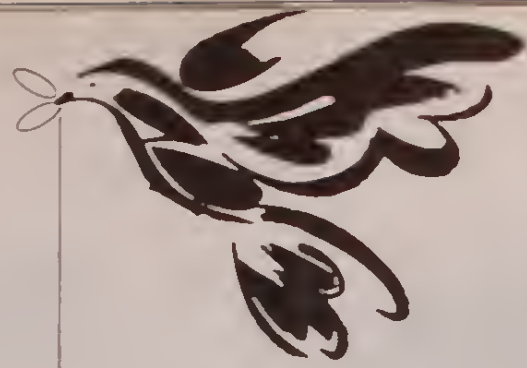
Ms. Patella would not comment specifically on Ms. Gillette's case, but said that a diagnosis of manic depression or other psychological disorder would not automatically disqualify someone from being a foster parent.

Ms. Patella said that she was not allowed to say when Ms. Gillette took custody of the three foster children, or whether she received them all at the same time. She was also prohibited from revealing the frequency of the caseworker's visits to the home.

Medical expenses of foster children are covered by Medicaid, said Ms. Patella, so taking the child to the doctor for treatment would not have cost Ms. Gillette anything.

—Rob Garver

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Planning Board Reviews University's Concept For Transforming Palmer Hall into Campus Center

Princeton University officials presented their plans for a new campus center to a generally receptive Planning Board at a concept review last Thursday night. Board members' concerns focused on whether the center might siphon business from downtown and on the size of the building's sign.

Under the project, Palmer Hall would be renovated and a new five story addition positioned along the south side. The current building contains about 102,500 square feet; the new addition would add approximately 75,500 square feet. A one-story free-standing arcade would extend in front and across the existing north facade of Palmer Hall. The name of the campus center would be placed in large letters along this arcade.

One couldn't fault the presentation for being either meager or hurried. The

University brought in four presentation easels, a dozen charts, and two models of the building. A five-minute break was called to give University

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representatives time to set things up.

School officials stressed that the new campus center was needed because the University has become an increasingly diverse place, and there exists no one site where different persons or groups can come together.

"The University is much more heterogenous and lively, and there is an effort to rebuild a strong sense of community," said Vice President Thomas Wright. "We want a place that belongs to everyone, that will strengthen our sense of commonness."

Palmer Hall is located along Washington Road, about half way between Prospect Avenue and Ivy Lane. It was given in 1908 by Stephen S. Palmer, a trustee of the University. (Palmer Stadium was presented in 1914 by Edgar Palmer, in memory of his father, Stephen Palmer. Palmer House was bequeathed to the University in 1968 by Edgar Palmer's widow.)

The importance of the campus center's location was stressed by University officials. Designed to serve undergraduates, graduate students, faculty, and staff, the new facility would be situated at a hub of pedestrian traffic to and from eating clubs, dormitories, and classes.

The proposed new center will meet both social and academic needs. It will include a large food court, lounge, cafe, meeting rooms, office space for student organizations, a teaching and learning center, academic and support staff space, and a theater space for lectures, film screenings, or small performances. The architect is Robert Venturi.

There will be a main dining area, cafe, beverage site, and private dining areas for smaller groups. The dining area would have the look of a food court, with the University planning to obtain a franchise name for one of the

restaurants. All offerings, however, would be under the direction of food services.

One of the new center's goals is to consolidate in one place services and amenities that are now scattered throughout the campus. This includes printing, student agencies, ticket sales, standing computer terminals, a pub, a cafe, pool tables, and lounges.

The University expects to ask for final approval from the Planning Board before June. Construction, which it

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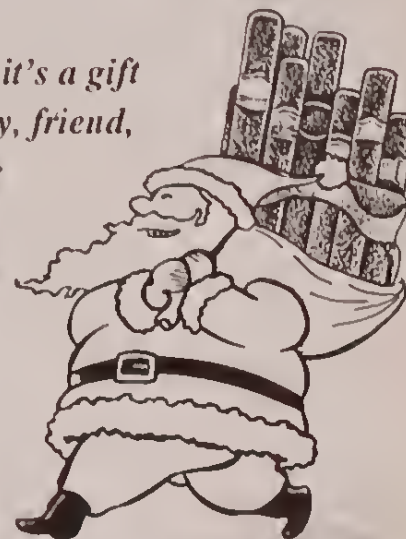
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hopes to begin by June, is expected to take about 18 months.

"Aesthetically Attractive"

After the presentation, Margen Penick said the plans were aesthetically attractive. She also noted that there was a video rental and a convenience store included. She was told that the types of retail shown in the plans were simply approximations at this point.

After saying that the size of the sign was totally out of place, Mark Freda said he hoped there would be details at some point on those services that will be competitive with businesses in the Central Business District.

Jon Hlafter, the University's director of physical planning, said he couldn't predict now what would be the latest in student agencies. "The students have entrepreneurial interests. Our purpose is to bring these activities into one place," he said.

"We are not aware of the scale of these activities," persisted Mr. Freda. "It's a beautiful place and an exciting project. But we have to be concerned with downtown. We can't afford any more empty storefronts. We can't afford the tax loss."

A similar concern was voiced by Borough Mayor Marvin Reed. "We have restraints in the Borough on the extent to which people in private residences can use them for businesses," he said. "I think there could be similar restraints on students who run businesses. Some students are very entrepreneurial, very aggressive."

Ms. Penick asked the University to develop a philosophy of things that would not

draw business from Nassau Street.

Richard Sinding offered a positive example taken from New Brunswick. "The Rutgers Student Center expanded and was very successful," he said. "At the same time, the town has attracted students."

The question of whether the public would be allowed to use the restaurants in the proposed new center was raised by Borough Zoning Officer Frank Slimak. He was told that the food facility was intended for the University, but that others would not be barred. One example of outside use would be parents of high school students touring the campus who wanted to eat in the food area.

"I can walk in and buy a pizza?" asked Planning Board Chair Corinne Kyle. "Yes," replied Mr. Wright.

Joseph O'Neill asked the University to prepare a parking plan, since the building would also be used by alumni.

Ms. Penick complimented University officials, saying that this was the best concept plan the board has ever had from the University.

"This is a very exciting project," said Mr. Sinding. "I'd like to see it built."

—Myrna K. Bearse

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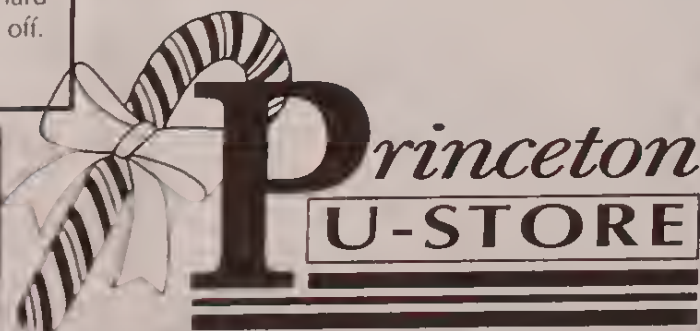
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The location of temporary quarters for Borough staff was announced at last Tuesday night's meeting of Borough Council. Staff will have to vacate Borough Hall during its renovation, which is expected to begin in February and last at least through the end of 1998.

Half the staff will move to 12 Stockton Street, which is very close to Borough Hall. This contingent will largely comprise those who work on the first floor of Borough Hall and have the most contact with citizens. Included will be the clerk's office, finance office, welfare, civil rights, taxation, and violations.

The first floor of an office building on Thanet Circle will house mostly those who work in the basement of Borough Hall, including the engineering, buildings, housing, and zoning departments.

The police department will be relocated into three trailers on the grounds of Borough Hall.

Council also discussed the fact that the estimated cost of the Borough Hall renovation has risen a half million dollars, from \$3.8 million to \$4.3 million.

Borough Administrator Thomas Shannon said inflation was a factor in costing out this project, which has been under discussion for several years. The redesign ideas recommended by several members of Council also added to the higher costs, he said.

Another increase was in the construction management fee, which rose almost \$100,000 from the earlier estimate of \$183,000.

To date, \$3 million has been bonded for the renovation project. In order to go forward, an additional \$1.3 million will need to be bonded.

At the meeting, Roger Martindell asked what the cumulative effect of the Borough Hall renovation debt will be. He said that before he could support the additional bonding, he would want to see the project's impact on the Borough's debt management plan as well as its impact on other capital projects and on the rate of taxation.

Council decided several years ago that it would raise an additional \$150,000 each year out of taxes to fund debt management on its capital projects.

"I can't support final passage of this kind of expenditure unless I see the impact on the debt management plan," said Mr. Martindell.

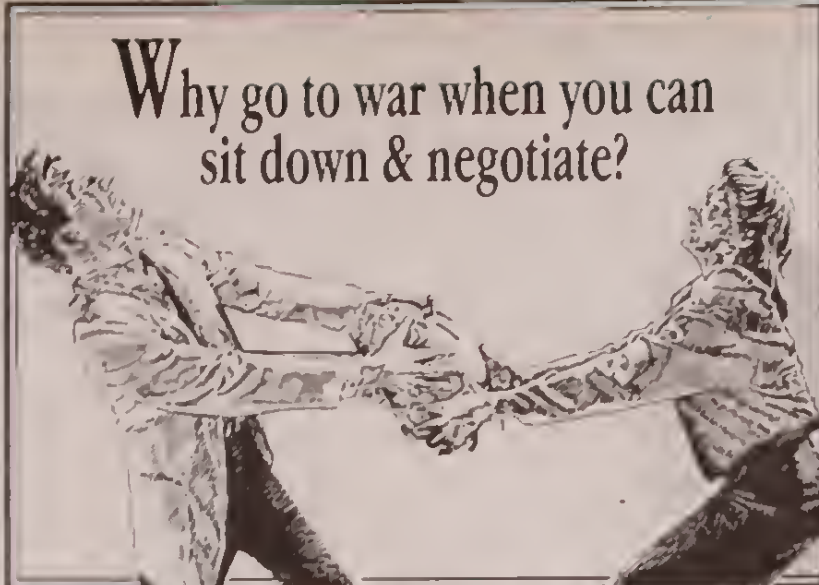
"We started discussing this five or six years ago," said Mildred Trotman. "If we don't act now the project cost will just increase more."

She asked Mr. Martindell, "Are you saying we should scrap the project and start again? If we are starting now to think about the debt management plan I know it will affect it."

"We looked at the debt management plan in the \$3.8 million context. If it can't be done at \$3.8 million, we have an obligation to reconsider some previous decisions," said David Goldfarb.

The cost of delay was on the minds of Mark Freda and Arthur Saylor. "I agree we should look at the debt management plan and perhaps adjust it," said Mr. Freda. "But to not go forward will make this number pale by comparison."

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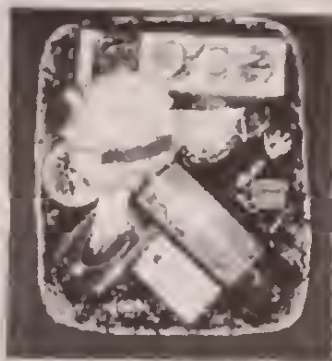
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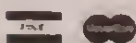
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Topics of the Town

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Mr. Saylor added, "The sooner we approve the project the sooner we will stem the tide of increasing costs."

Finally, Council introduced a bond ordinance in the amount of \$1,350,000 to fund the additional cost of the renovation. Mr. Goldfarb voted against it. A public hearing is scheduled for Tuesday night, December 16. Four votes are required to approve bonding.

—Myrna K. Bearse

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School Board Votes To Prohibit Soliciting By Students

Members of the Princeton Regional School Board at their meeting on November 25, anticipated the state Legislature, when they voted unanimously to prohibit door-to-door soliciting for any school-related purpose by students.

The prohibition was first introduced on November 11, as an amendment to district policy on public solicitation in the schools.

The measure was prompted by the tragic death of Eddie Werner, an 11-year-old child who was sexually assaulted and strangled while selling items for a PTA fund-raiser in Jackson Township in September.

Last week state Representative John Rocco (R-Cherry Hill) introduced a bill that would prohibit public schools and organizations sponsored by them from running fund-raisers that include door-to-door sales by students. The legislation is sponsored in the state Senate by Sen. James

Cafiero (R-North Wildwood.)

The bill, which applies only to public schools and affiliated organizations, has the backing of the New Jersey School Boards Association and state associations of school administrators, business officials, and principals.

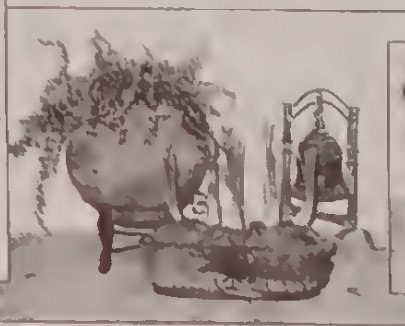
The Princeton Regional policy required all student fund-raising activities to be submitted to the district superintendent for approval, even before the recent amendment.

It mandates that fund-raising drives "be of an educational nature and free from promotion of commercial products; be relevant to the age group concerned; be open to voluntary participation; and be open to all students."

Policy also restricts the number of such activities in each district school to two per year, specifying, "Each principal may, with the approval of the Superintendent, permit two activities of a charitable nature which involve total school participation to be carried on in his/her school during the academic year."

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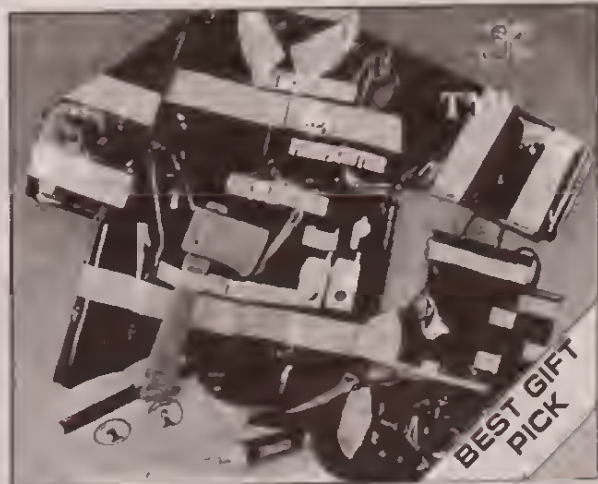
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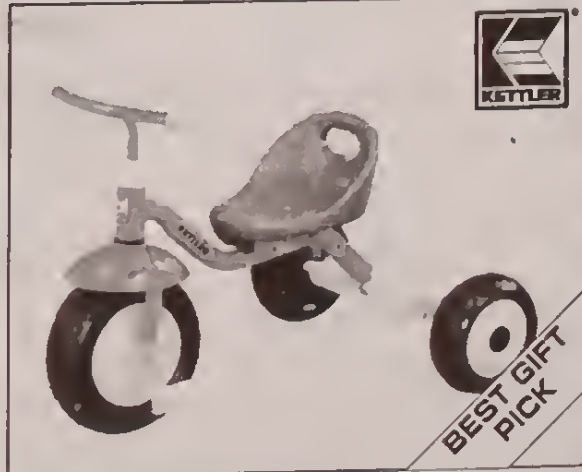
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In its first week, the TCF received \$2,021 in donations. This second week, as the spirit of holiday giving strengthened, the fund has increased by more than \$6,000.

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Checks should be made payable to the TOWN TOPICS Christmas Fund and mailed to P.O. Box 664, Princeton 08542. They will also be cheerfully received at the office at 4 Mercer Street.

Adding Bike Path To Ridgeview Road To Cost \$451K

If all goes according to plan, there will be a bicycle path linking Princeton Ridge Section III at Pettit Place and Fitch Way to Arreton Road by next summer.

Construction of the path was suggested as part of a Ridgeview Road capital improvement project that originally consisted only of reconstructing the road from Cherry Hill Road to a point west of the Transco pipeline, a distance of 2,200 feet.

The Township Engineering Department, upon further study, concluded that curbing should be installed and the road widened to Township standards. In addition, an enhanced storm drainage system will be part of the project; and the bicycle path will be built.

The cost of Ridgeview Road improvements has increased from an initial \$231,000 — appropriated by bond ordi-

nance in May 1996 — to a total of \$451,000.

There will be a public hearing on whether to appropriate the additional \$230,000, at the Township Committee meeting scheduled for 5:30 p.m., on December 29.

Township Engineer Robert Kiser pointed out that funds are already available in the Princeton Ridge off-tract developer contribution account for the entire cost of the project. A bond ordinance for the additional amount, is, however, required, before bids can be solicited. The project will probably be bid early in the spring.

Traffic Study Topic Of Dec. 18 Meeting

The Regional Planning Board will continue discussion of the report on traffic in the western section at its meeting scheduled for December 18. It will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will be held in the Valley Road meeting room.

A number of western section residents were present for the discussion of the

report that took place at a Planning Board meeting last month. Many were critical of the report, which was done by Garmen Associates, and several residents also felt they had not received sufficient notice of the meeting.

The study makes a series of recommendations aimed at easing traffic in the western section, although it states that the goal of ridding the neighborhood of traffic is insupportable "given the historical context of the area and the improbability of improvements to accommodate the diverted traffic."

Woman Charged in Theft Of \$1,000 from Office

Borough Police arrested and charged a Trenton woman with burglary and theft last week, alleging that she removed \$1,000 in cash from a Nassau Street office where she was working.

Lenette Brown, 44, was arrested on Thursday afternoon in Princeton. She allegedly took the money, which had been left as a rent payment, between 4 p.m. November 27 and 8:30 a.m. the next day.

Police reported that Ms. Brown ended her employment with the victimized company after the theft took place, but for unrelated reasons. She was released on her own recognizance, pending a court appearance on December 15.

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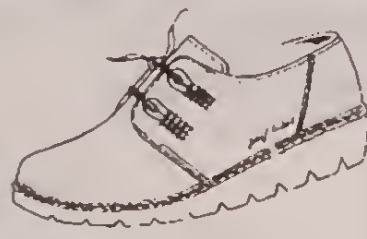
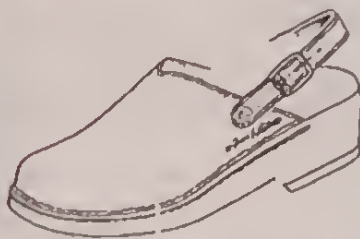
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Residents Finally Get to Have Their Say And It's SRO at ALK Hearing Last Week

Every seat was filled and people were standing four-deep in the hallway leading to the Township meeting room last Wednesday evening. The Zoning Board of Adjustment was holding its 13th hearing on ALK Associates' application for a variance to allow it to use the Our Lady of Princeton property for its offices, and after months of testimony by and cross examination of traffic consultants and professional planners, the time had come for the public hearing.

Members of the public (mostly those opposed to the granting of the variance) had been allowed to question the witnesses throughout the proceedings, which began in April, but they had been asked to save their statements until later. This was their chance to tell the board how they felt about the application.

Michael Giardino, sitting as chair for this application, asked that they limit their comments to three minutes. Forty-seven people got a chance to speak between 8 p.m. and the board's usual closing hour of 11. Thomas Jamieson, attorney for Alak and Katherine Kornhauser, founders of ALK Associates, asked that two others who were not able to be present last Wednesday be allowed to speak on Tuesday, December 9, when the Zoning Board had scheduled another special meeting.

At this meeting, the lawyer for the Sisters of the Marianite Order of the Holy Cross, current owner of Our Lady of Princeton, was expected to make a statement. In addition, the Zoning Board was expected to review a report on the Kornhausers' latest proposals for restrictions on use of the property for gatherings, meetings and overnight stays. The two attorneys, Richard Goldman, attorney for neighbors opposed to the variance request, and Mr. Jamieson were expected to give their summations (limited to 15 to 20 minutes), and the board was expected to begin its deliberations.

If time runs out before the board renders a decision, the main meeting room in the Valley Road building has been reserved for Wednesday, December 10, and Tuesday, December 16, in case they are needed. Mr. Jamieson has indicated that the applicants will not grant time extensions beyond the end of the year.

More Than Half Opposed

At last Wednesday's hearing, 29 of the 47 speakers spoke against the granting of a variance. Thirteen live on Ridgeview Road, six on The Great Road, four on Drakes Corner Road, and three on Heather Lane, all in the vicinity of Our Lady of Princeton, a 43-acre property at the corner of Drakes Corner Road and Great Road that has been for sale for several years. Their concerns, basically, are increased traffic, noise, lights, a commercial activity in a prime residential neighborhood, precedence, and loss of property values.

Two other Township residents, including architect Thomas Fulmer, and a Borough resident concerned about traffic in the western section, also spoke against the variance.

Three Drakes Corner residents, including realtor Tod Peyton, spoke in support of the

application on the grounds that it would preserve the mansion and the open space on the property. Six ALK employees, most of whom live in Princeton, spoke in support of the variance request. The largest number of supporters, nine in all, came from a variety of addresses in the Township and Borough. They included Wendy Mager, president of the Friends of Princeton Open Space; Margen Penick, vice chair of the Princeton Regional Planning Board; Emily Croll, the architectural historian who curated the exhibit on Rolf Bauhan, architect of the mansion, at the Historical Society; Walter Bliss, attorney and former Borough Zoning Board member; and Donald Wilson, former member and chairman of the Township Zoning Board.

Ridgeview Neighbors' Concerns

The Ridgeview Road residents are particularly upset about the application because it calls for moving the entrance driveway to the property to The Great Road, directly opposite Ridgeview. Currently there are two driveways to Our Lady of Princeton off Drakes Corner Road; one will remain as an emergency access and access to a caretaker's cottage.

The Kornhausers and their architect, Jeremiah Ford, decided to move the main access to The Great Road following a meeting with Drakes Corner Road residents. The Township's planner has said that moving the driveway makes sense if office use is granted since the Great Road is an arterial roadway designated for through traffic whereas Drakes Corner Road is better suited to local traffic.

The Township's traffic consultant agreed with the Kornhauser's traffic consultant that the increase in traffic on Ridgeview Road will not be substantial, but the Ridgeview residents dispute this notion, calling into question the traffic models on which this assumption was based and saying that the consultants do not take into consideration human factors and the driving habits of commuters.

One resident, Satrios Vahaviolos of 7 Ridgeview Road, brought graphics showing the "straight shot" motorists who want to avoid congestion and lights on The Great Road or who are trying to get to the east side of Princeton would have going directly along Ridgeview to Cherry Hill Road.

Rutus Benton, 376 Ridgeview, is upset at the four-way intersection that will be created if the new driveway is located directly opposite Ridgeview Road. He told the Zoning Board that when approval was being sought for the Baldwin Lane subdivision, the Township engineer had asked that Baldwin Lane be moved from its proposed location directly across from a private driveway on the grounds of safety. Why would the Zoning Board even consider the intersection proposed for ALK Associates, involving a commercial complex, a busy arterial roadway and Ridgeview Road he asked?

Several Ridgeview residents spoke of their belief that zoning laws are meant to protect residential neighborhoods. One of the most forceful was Robert Willig, a professor of

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economics and public affairs at the Woodrow Wilson School at Princeton University, who prefaced his remarks by stating his admiration of the Kornhausers and ALK.

"The purpose of zoning is to protect our neighborhood," Prof. Willig said, adding that residents, many of whom had invested heavily financially, had relied on zoning to protect the character of the neighborhood. Speaking to the notion that if this application is not approved, "something worse" could take its place, he told the board, "We count on you to protect us from those possibilities as well." The audience applauded loudly.

"It is impossible to reconcile the needs of the applicant with those of the neighbors," said Lincoln Hollister, 437 Ridgeview Road, a professor of geophysics at the University who remarked that his need for quiet to write would be compromised by the noise of air-conditioning and traffic.

"Commercial needs are not compatible with family needs," said his wife Sarah. She said that the needs of humans had been ignored in the rush to preserve the mansion, which has gone from being "a white elephant to a sacred cow."

Dr. Joseph Leddy, 1107 Great Road, said his main concern was precedence. Dr. Leddy described a scenario in which a nearby property of 11 acres with a house also designed by Rolf Bauhan would apply for a variance. "The neighborhood is already commercialized. What's to stop others from cashing in?" he asked.

Architect Thomas Fulmer of 124 Hunt Drive characterized the variance request as "a one-property zoning change" and likened it to the horse snuck into the city of Troy by the Greeks.

Perry Arons, who lives on the other corner of Drakes Corner Road and The Great Road, put it simply and bluntly. "I do not want to see a commercial complex across the street," he said.

Neighbors in Favor

On the other hand, realtor Tod Peyton of 73 Drakes Corner Road, called the ALK proposal "a creative solution for the use of existing property" and praised the Kornhausers' willingness to put in deed restrictions limiting the use. "The opponents have painted a very frightening picture," Mr. Peyton said, adding that "the opposition has gone for overkill."

He said he did not think the proposal would have the major impact that is feared and called on everyone to "look for the best rather than the worst and to believe in the good intentions" of the Kornhausers.

Another neighbor, Philip Macindoe, 137 Drakes Corner Road, stated that "Change happens. Uncontrolled change is not good change. Low impact, most controlled change is good change." Of all the potential uses for the property, the Kornhauser proposal represented the best option, he suggested. "I commend it to your positive consideration."

George Easter, 103 Drakes Corner Road, told the board that the current zoning, which allows "at least" 10 homes, would destroy "that particular property." He pointed out that the proposal calls for not expanding the buildings and contrasted that with installation of sewer lines and water lines which might require blasting, the construction of 10 new basements, "possibly swimming pools, all of which would be harmful to an ecologically fragile property," in his view.

"Yes, there would be some traffic impact," Mr. Easter said, "but it would basically preserve what's there. And in terms of property values, they are going to stay up there."

John Boyd, Cherry Hill Road, called the Kornhauser proposal "a great idea for the

site." Mr. Boyd suggested that "religion is a very large business" and the change to another business was not as drastic as it might seem. "Did we put restrictions on nun visits?" he asked. He characterized the argument over traffic as a "smokescreen" and commended the proposal as "a positive change" for the "entire town."

Gilbert Harman, 106 Broadmead, a philosophy professor at Princeton University, said he was "very upset about the personal remarks" that had been made about the Kornhausers. "They are the most honorable people I know," Prof. Harman said. "Their motives are of the highest. The issue is whether the right thing to do is to preserve it or do something else. Many of us favor preserving this distinguished part of Princeton."

Walter Bliss, 202 Moore Street, who called Mr. Kornhauser "uniquely generous and public spirited" and described himself as having devoted his career to fighting against suburban sprawl and for open space, told the board he supported the application.

"The drama is the choice between preserving a unique, beautiful, large historic building without new structures or getting a residential subdivision and the sprawl that goes with it," Mr. Bliss said.

"No change is not an option," he continued, "but this is close." He disputed the notion that the variance request amounts to a rezoning as well as the

fear that granting the variance would open the floodgates to further commercial enterprises.

"Rarely will you have a more environmentally conscious and public spirited applicant," Mr. Bliss said. "I commend the application to you strongly."

Donald Wilson, former member and chairman of the Township Zoning Board, listed as his reason for endorsing granting the variance preservation of one of the last large tracts in Princeton and a landmark; the opportunity for community use of the facilities, and continued school use by Montessori School.

"I am comfortable that this can be done without adverse impact on the master plan and detriment to the neighbors and without setting a precedent," Mr. Wilson said.

Wendy Mager, 459 Cherry Hill Road, said that the Friends of Princeton Open Space were "intrigued" by the proposal because it would preserve the open space on the property. However, she expressed hope that the open space could be permanently deed restricted, as well as public access and the restriction on increasing the building space.

Under the ALK proposal, if the office use for which the variance is sought is abandoned, the property would revert to its current zoning with no guarantees about preserving open space or restricting building square footage, a point that has not gone unnoticed by the opponents. Ms. Mager suggested that ALK could receive tax benefits by donating a permanent conservation easement.

Margen Penick, vice chair of the Planning Board, distributed copies of a newspaper article describing the conversion of a mansion in Delaware to an office building and the zoning amendment that was adopted to allow significant properties to be used as commercial space in a residential zone.

Mrs. Penick noted that promoting the use of historical properties was one of the goals of the most recent Master Plan and pointed to instances in Princeton where large historic buildings have been supported by other means of generating income on the property. She also spoke of the need for public facilities in the community.

The final speaker was an ALK employee who endorsed the variance request as being environmentally the best of the changes "that are going to happen to this property."

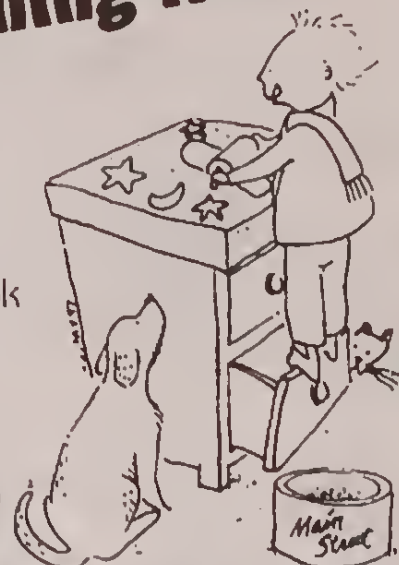
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Ram-Napping Students Face Theft Charges

Two 19-year-old roommates at the College of New Jersey turned themselves in at Borough Police headquarters on Thursday afternoon, after learning that police viewed them as suspects in the theft of a stuffed ram.

Richard Nell and John J. Archibie III, both of 880 Wolf Hall, were charged with theft by Borough police for stealing the ram, which has been the mascot of the Landau woolens store on Nassau Street for 20 years.

The offense, which is indictable, will be forwarded to the Mercer County Prosecutor's office later this week, said police. Because of the value of the ram — placed at \$6,000 by brothers Robert and Henry Landau — its theft constitutes a crime of the third degree. Such crimes are punishable by three to five years in prison, but in all likelihood, sources said, the charges will be downgraded by the county prosecutor's office. The two suspects are due for a preliminary appearance in Borough Court on Monday.

The ram, a former beauty contest winner in its native Iceland, was purchased by the Landau family in 1976. Known as Lindi, the ram had died of natural causes, and was stuffed.

Lindi was stolen from the sidewalk in front of the store on November 24. A week later, after the suspects learned that police were actively investigating the theft, Lindi was found abandoned in a parking lot behind the Landau store.

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A Prospect Avenue man reported his 1995 Nissan Pathfinder stolen on Wednesday morning. Police said that the victim parked his car behind a building on Prospect Avenue at 11:30 p.m. on Tuesday. He locked the vehicle and activated the alarm.

In the morning, the \$20,000 vehicle was gone. Police are investigating the theft.

A thief took \$700 from a Princeton Junction man's bank account on Wednesday.

after the victim left his ATM card in a Nassau Street bank machine.

The theft was not reported until the victim realized what had happened, on Sunday afternoon. Police are investigating.

A University student accidentally left his wallet in the photocopy room of Firestone Library between noon and 1:30 p.m. on Wednesday. When he returned, the wallet was gone.

The wallet contained \$20 in cash, credit cards, and identification.

A tuxedo jacket valued at \$150 was stolen from the coat room at the Quad Club on Prospect Avenue between 10:30 p.m. and 1 a.m. on the evening of December 6.

A 15-year-old student at Princeton High School reported the theft of \$345 worth of property, including a backpack, clothing, a wallet, and a calculator.

The items were all inside the backpack, which was left unattended on the floor in a locker room at the high school from 3:30 p.m. and 5:30 p.m. on Monday.

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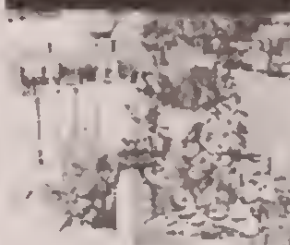
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BLOUSTEIN SCHOLARS: These three seniors at Stuart Country Day School, from left, Justyna Piasecka, Micaela Cook, and Katryna Carter, have been named Edward J. Bloustein Distinguished Scholars through the Garden State Scholarship program. Distinguished Scholars are superior students who also have combined SAT I scores of at least 1260. They receive a \$1,000 scholarship for up to four years of undergraduate study at a New Jersey college or university.

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Hindering Apprehension

Police charged a Trenton man with hindering apprehension, after he gave a false name to an officer who had stopped him for a traffic violation. Raymond D. Goodman, 40, was found to be wanted on warrants from the City of Trenton and from Tabernacle Township. After being charged in the Borough, Mr. Raymond was handed over to the Trenton Police Department.

A bias incident on the University campus is being investigated by police. On December 2, a professor discovered a swastika drawn in black marker on the wall of an ele-

valor in Marx Hall. Underneath the swastika, written in pencil, were the words, "No Jews."

There are currently no reported suspects.

In an act of criminal mischief, an unknown person did \$500 worth of damage to a 1996 Toyota parked in a Spruce Street resident's driveway.

The roof and hood of the car were scratched, as though from someone walking on them, and a side-view mirror was broken off.

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Lisa Tucker, co-chairperson of the project along with Mary Reale, said that in the past, the response from the community has been very good. "It's a wonderful chance to make a small contribution to people in need during the holiday season."

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Prosciutto, provolone, spinach, roasted red peppers in a deep dish crust</p> <p>PEELED SHRIMP TRAY
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medium — large — x-large</p> | <p>SIDE DISHES</p> <p>WILD RICE PILAF</p> <p>SCALLOPED POTATOES</p> <p>SWEET POTATO SOUFFLE
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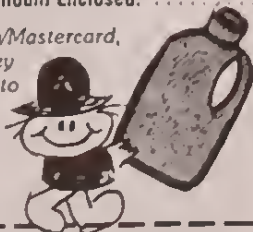
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CHRISTMAS AT ROCKINGHAM: Stony Brook Garden Club members Barbara Griffin, left, and Nancy Henkel decorate the front porch of Rockingham, the 18th Century farm house on Route 518, east of Rocky Hill. A candlelight tour of the state historic site will take place on Sunday, December 14, from 1 to 5, with a musical interlude from 2 to 4. Light refreshments will be available.

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contributed by the West Windsor Senior Center. Trees have been set up and decorated at Center Court at Marketfair, the West Windsor Library, PNC Banks on Nassau Street, Rt. 206 in Princeton and on College Road East, CoreStates Bank on Alexander Road, and Carnegie Bank N.A. on Alexander Road in Princeton. Four local businesses have also taken ornaments and/or tags so that company employees can purchase gifts for the children.

Each ornament is tagged with a child's name, age and a gift request. Once a participant has taken an ornament from the tree and purchased the gift, he or she returns the wrapped gift, with the name tag attached, to the original location. The ornament can be kept as a remembrance of the "Wish Tree" and the holiday spirit shared with a child in need.

The gifts must be returned to the original location by December 13. Bohren's United Van Lines will pick up the presents and turn them over to the Division of Youth and Family Services, who will distribute the gifts to the children for Christmas. For more information, call 716-1648.

Journalist Cheryl Mills, Van Kirk Road, has just published her first book, a story for children entitled *William's World*.

She will be signing copies of the book — which recounts 2½-year-old William's voyage of discovery — on December 13, at 11 a.m., at Micawber Books.

Ms. Mills is president of the Bradford Investment Group,



Cheryl Mills


Inc., a company that invests in small to mid-cap companies ranging from venture capital to \$100 million in sales.

She also serves Governor Christine Todd Whitman as a trustee on the New Jersey Investment Council which oversees the strategic planning of the \$60 billion pension fund of New Jersey.

She is a trustee, as well, of the Drumthwacket Foundation and McCarter Theater. A recent graduate of the Leadership New Jersey Program, which recognizes 50 rising leaders from across the state, Ms. Mills was just elected to membership in Leadership America, a group of women leaders from across the country.

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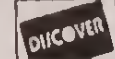
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Officials rejected a request from the Recreation Department for \$324,000 in "aquatic improvements" to the wading pool area of Community Park Pool. The funds would be used, as well, to design and construct a new "active aquatic playground."

Officials didn't buy Recreation Director Jack Roberts' arguments for a new clover-shaped pool that he said would accommodate both parents and children, and would reduce the large number of regular pool users, who now inundate the main facility.

Mr. Roberts cited the example of West Windsor, which recently opened a giant water playground called "Water Works." He said a long-term plan for a similar facility in Princeton was by no means "radical."

The existing wading pool, he insisted, must have been built "shortly after the Civil War." Pipes break regularly, and the pumping mechanism is barely adequate, he noted.

He added that there is "limited playground equipment" in the area where he would like to locate the clover pool, and that he would rather not have a playground there at all because it is "not good with wet feet."

Natural Waterways

Councilman Roger Martin-dell suggested that perhaps there were alternatives at other Princeton locations that could be used for wading pools. He mentioned "natural waterways," suggesting the Stony Brook or even Carnegie Lake.

Mr. Roberts immediately vetoed the suggestion, noting that health regulations and environmental restrictions make such an alternative impossible. "Gone are the days when you could just jump into the neighborhood lake!" he said.

Committeewoman Roz Denard queried whether the funds could be used to make the pool available to all residents for a longer period of time, rather than to construct new facilities. She suggested the use of a "bubble" over the top of the pool, so it could be used in the winter.

That idea, said Mr. Roberts, would be impossible for engineering reasons alone. The 30-year-old concrete in which the pool sits, he explained, would not support a bubble construction. "Locker rooms would be located outside the bubble; it would also have to be far too high."

"The problem is really the price tag," asserted Councilwoman Sandra Starr. "If you could find community sponsors, maybe we could be persuaded to move ahead; it just isn't a priority."

Mr. Roberts said he did not think a municipal entity like the Recreation Department was allowed to raise funds. "We would have to create a

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Trying to Lower Auto Insurance - Again

By a vote of 57-20, the state Assembly last week approved the creation of yet another "special bipartisan committee" to lower New Jersey's exorbitant auto insurance rates. The committee had already been approved by the state Senate.

New Jersey drivers have been plagued with high auto insurance premiums for two decades; and lawmakers have been unable to reverse the trend despite numerous attempts.

"Why do you believe that this group will be better able to deal with insurance reform than the two existing insurance committees in the Assembly and the Senate?" demanded Assemblyman Robert Smith, (D-Piscataway).

Republican Assembly Speaker Jack Collins, co-chair of the committee, said that he hopes any legislation the joint committee proposes will bypass other committees and take a fast track to the voting floor.

There will be a grassroots public hearing on auto insurance on December 16, Mr. Collins said. The next full committee meeting will take place on January 5.

A number of issues will be open for discussion in January, he stated, including limits on lawsuit rights, urban rate territories, and even the repeal of mandatory auto insurance altogether.

Special Ed Funds for Regular Classes?

State Education Commissioner Leo Klagholz has proposed using millions of dollars now earmarked for special education to pay for regular education programs.

Recent changes to the federal Individuals with Disabilities Education Act would allow special education funds to be used for regular education programs, as long as children with disabilities are involved in the programs. The aim is to encourage the integration of special education students into the regular classroom.

The state receives \$600 million for special education, which now funds special education programs in schools across the state.

Diana Autin, executive director of the Statewide Parent Advocacy Network of New Jersey, said last week that the commissioner's strategy was to "get class sizes down to 21 without putting new money into the system by taking away special education."

Most of New Jersey's 23,668 children who are classified as special education students spend the major portion of their school day in small classes with a special education teacher; they generally follow a different curriculum from other students. The commissioner is proposing to "mainstream" 98.5 percent of special education students.

"The goal of inclusion is great," noted Ms. Autin, "but inclusion isn't dumping. To be done successfully, there would have to be supportive resources, well-trained and committed general education teachers, special educators, and parent education."

New Area Codes in Effect

Two new area codes went into effect in New Jersey on Saturday, December 6, raising the state total to five. The new 732 code took part of 908, while 973 grabbed a portion of the former 201. Those who fail to use the new codes will now hear a recording that informs them of their error.

Neighbors who were split by the 908-732 exchange will not have to dial the new area code to call one another for a few years, according to a spokesman for the state Board of Public Utilities.

Twenty-one towns now have multiple codes. So far, Mercer County has escaped any change, but new area codes for the 609 region are said to be in the works.

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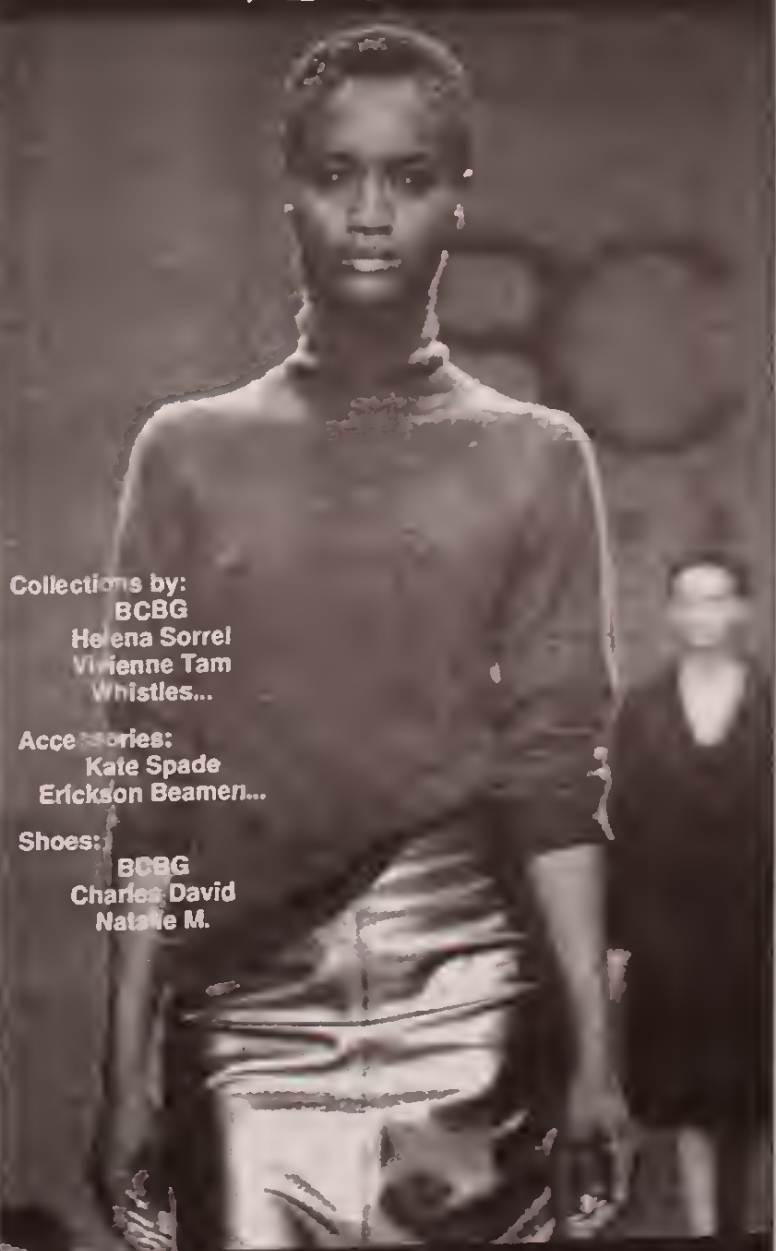
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Tristan E. Beplat, 85, Haslet Avenue and Daytona Beach, Fla., died November 28 at the Columbia Medical Center in Ormond Beach, Fla.

He died of complications after a fall, his nephew, Raymond E. Beplat, said.

A Manhattan native, Mr. Beplat began his banking career in 1937, joining what was then the Manufacturers Hanover Trust Company.

His involvement with Japan and Asia began during World War II. As a first lieutenant in 1944, he was selected to participate on a team to help rebuild the economy of post-war Japan. The team was led by Gen. Douglas MacArthur.

Mr. Beplat was named chief of the foreign exchange operation in the early phase of the United States occupation of Japan after its surrender in 1945.

He remained in Japan as a civilian after he left the Army, but continued to serve the military in Tokyo as the chief of its money and banking branch and as chairman of the foreign exchange committee.

After being appointed a consultant to the State Department in October 1948, Mr. Beplat opened a representative office in Japan for Manufacturers Hanover, the first such postwar office for an American bank.

He returned to the United States in 1954. The following year, he took charge of the bank's banking relations in Asia, Australia and New Zealand. In 1963 he was named senior vice president. At his retirement in 1974, he was senior vice president and dep-

uty general manager of the international division.

Mr. Beplat was decorated by the Japanese Government, receiving the Second Order of the Sacred Treasure for his services during the occupation.

Mr. Beplat called upon his Asian acquaintances and expertise to consult on international finance and investment after his retirement from Manufacturers Hanover. One of his acquaintances was Ferdinand E. Marcos, the leader of the Philippine Government.

In the mid 1980's, Mr. Beplat's name came up during an investigation of Mr. Marcos' financial dealings in New Jersey. Mr. Beplat told state investigators that Mr. Marcos had asked him to acquire homes in New Jersey for use by the Marcos children while they attended Princeton University. In a deposition Mr. Beplat said he had been wired almost \$500,000 from the Philippine Mission in the final days of the Marcos regime.

Mr. Beplat, who received the Philippine Government's highest civilian award from President Marcos in 1971 for his efforts at financing Philippine infrastructure projects, later served as a consultant to the Philippine Government of President Corazon Aquino.

Mr. Beplat was active in a number of societies promoting business and understanding between Asia and the United States, including the Japan Society, the Ceylon Association, and the American-Indonesia Chamber of Commerce.

He was for many years a member of the advisory council of the Princeton University Department of East Asian Studies as well as former president of Princeton in Asia.

In June 1990 he was honored by Princeton-in-Asia for his contributions to students and to American understanding of Asia.

He is survived by three brothers, James of Cummington, Mass., Raymond of East Northport, N.Y., and Howard of South Jamesport, N.Y.; and two sisters, Grace B. King of Slingerlands, N.Y., and Muriel B. Collier of Weems, Va. His wife of 49 years, the former Margaret Mosher, died in 1990.

Margaret Streater Harrell, 60, died December 3 in Tampa, Fla.

Born in Princeton, she lived in Tampa since 1980.

Mrs. Harrell attended Princeton public schools, including Princeton High School. She was a secretary for several local firms in Tampa. She was a member of the Bible-Based Fellowship Church of Tampa and past president of American Legion Post 218 Auxiliary of Princeton.

Daughter of the late William C. and Margaret B. Green Streater, she is survived by her husband, John I. Harrell Jr.; two daughters, Renee Brown of Tampa and Cindy Banks of Trenton; three brothers, Leon Green and Charles Streater of Princeton and William Streater of Trenton; a sister, Sharon LeComp of Willingboro; her mother, Mildred Harrell of Trenton; an aunt and four grandchildren.

The funeral will be 1 p.m. Wednesday, December 10, at First Baptist Church, Princeton. The Rev. Leslie Callahan, associate minister, will officiate. Interment will be in Princeton Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may be made to the National Multiple Sclerosis Society.

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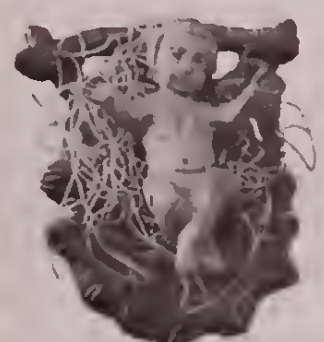


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Dr. William S. Drobner,
 37, of Short Hills, died
 December 3 at St. Barnabas
 Medical Center, Livingston,
 after a long struggle with
 cancer.

A former resident of
 Princeton, he was employed
 by the Jacobus Pharmaceuti-
 cal Company of Plainsboro
 between his graduation from
 Hobart College and entrance
 into the Medical College of
 Pennsylvania. He also was
 enrolled in graduate courses
 at Princeton University in that
 period.

Dr. Drobner completed a
 residency in orthopedic sur-
 gery at Mount Sinai Medial
 Center and a fellowship in
 surgery of the hand and
 upper extremities at the New
 York University Medical Cen-
 ter. He was affiliated with the
 Hospital for Joint Diseases in
 Manhattan and the Brooklyn
 Hospital Center.

He is survived by his wife,
 Wendy Silverstein; 4-year-old
 twins, Zachary and Rachel;
 his mother, Dr. Virginia
 Drobner Katz of Princeton,
 former medical director of the

Association for the Advance-
 ment of Mental Health in
 Princeton; his father, Sherwin
 Drobner of New York; a sis-
 ter, Ann, of Miami; a brother,
 Richard, of Franklin Lakes,
 and his grandmother, Ruth
 Brodtkin of Millburn.

Funeral services were held
 Friday, December 5, at Frank
 E. Campbell, New York City.

Robert W. Perrine, 73,
 of Vineland, died December 6
 at the Nursing Center at
 Vineland.

Born in Princeton, he was a
 lifelong resident until
 recently.

He was a graduate of
 Princeton High School and
 Parsons School of Design.

He is survived by a sister,
 Mary Elizabeth Martin of
 Marietta, Ga.

**William E. Pietrinfer-
 no, 77,** died December 3 at
 Princeton Medical Center.

Born in Princeton, he was a
 lifelong resident.

Mr. Pietrinferno was a
 mechanic for Johnson and
 Ferrara Garage for 20 years.

Son of the late William E.
 and Maria Pietrinferno, he is
 survived by four sisters, Ann
 Ferrara of Princeton, Marga-
 ret Campbell of Princeton,
 Mary Alice P. Kamas of
 Hightstown, and Jean A. Pro-
 caccino of Lawrenceville.

A funeral service was held
 Saturday at Mather-Hodge
 Funeral Home, Princeton. It
 was followed by a Mass of
 Christian Burial at St. Paul's
 Catholic Church and inter-
 ment in St. Paul's Cemetery.

Memorial contributions may
 be made to Hightstown First
 Aid and Rescue Squad, 148
 North Main Street,
 Hightstown 08520.

Bessie M. Rouse, 96,
 of Princeton, died November

Born in Birmingham, Ala.,
 Mrs. Rouse was formerly of
 Pensacola, Fla., where she
 lived from 1913 to 1996.

She was the wife of the late
 Robert Schuy Rouse and is
 survived by two sons, Dr. H.
 Ronald Rouse of Princeton
 and Robert M. Rouse of Puy-
 allup, Wash., five grandchil-
 dren and four great-
 grandchildren.

Funeral service and inter-
 ment were held December 6
 in Pensacola.

**Cornelius "Neil"
 McHugh,** died October 2 in
 Somerset, Pa. Born in Tren-
 ton, he lived in Princeton for
 many years.

He retired from the Mercer
 County Park Commission's
 Princeton Country Club in
 1981. He spent more than
 50 years as a golf proprietor,
 clubmaker, greenskeeper,
 manager, and teacher.

He is survived by a daugh-
 ter, Judy Schodlitz of Clevel-
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 Funn of Colorado Springs,
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re-examined at a later date. They *did* approve other Recreation Department requests, such as \$24,830 for grading the Grover Park ball fields; and \$3,450 to supplement funds already allocated for dredging a portion of the Community Park North Pond. They also okayed \$67,534

for a pre-fabricated restroom and storage building at Community Park North, that will be handicapped accessible.

Fire Dept. Floor

The Fire Department fared somewhat better than Recreation. Only \$17,000 was subtracted from a total recommended amount of \$112,592. The Borough will bear 42 percent of the cost, while the Township will be responsible for 58 percent.

Twelve walkie-talkies and four head sets will be replaced; 12 air packs will be upgraded; and the chief's Bronco will be replaced with a four-wheel drive vehicle at an estimated cost of \$37,000.

Borough and Committee members questioned only the need for a new floor in Station 63, at a cost of \$17,000. Fire Chief Henry Tamasi insisted a new floor was necessary for reasons of safety.

Councilman Roger Martindell asked why a floor in the newest fire station — only ten years old — should be replaced; and Mr. Tamasi responded that the floor was inferior and "peeling." Councilman David Goldfarb said he did not see how the expense could be justified.

Mr. Tamasi insisted that fire fighters rushing into the station in response to a call are likely to slip on accumulated layers of paint and grease now staining the concrete, which he wants to re-surface with polyurethane.

When pressed by Township Deputy Mayor Phyllis Marchand, however, Mr. Tamasi conceded that a new floor was not his highest safety priority.

Council President Mark Freda suggested that the matter be tabled, pending consultation with the engineering departments of both Princetons; and Assistant Bor-

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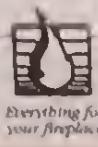
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Budget Deliberations Almost Stall on First Day

Shortly after the Borough and Township governing bodies started their joint budget session on the evening of December 8, Borough Mayor Marvin Reed insisted that budget requests could only be "tentatively" approved.

He said the Borough was anticipating "significant deviation" from its debt management plan, due to increased costs for renovations to the municipal building. The Council would need another week or two to study whether joint agency budget projections would fit into the Borough's plan, he insisted.

(Cost estimates for Borough Hall renovation increased last week from \$3.8 million to \$4.3 million. To date, only \$3 million has been bonded for the renovation.)

Council member Roger Martindell suggested that a debate on the Borough tax rate was also necessary before funding approval could be granted. "We might find that our tax rate wouldn't fund all our commitments," he said.

Before deliberations could get completely derailed, Township Administrator James Pascale suggested that the governing bodies grant "conceptual approval" to the requests. "Each municipality clearly reserves the right to amend the amounts in 1998," he added.

"I just don't want anyone to misunderstand if I change my vote in February!" exclaimed Mr. Martindell. "Nothing is ever final around here," commented Committee member Steven Frakt.

Mayor Reed said that for the Borough to determine a realistic bond ordinance amount, it would have to consider the six-year budget projections forwarded by the agencies.

He called on Library Director Jacqueline Thresher, whose budget was the first joint agency request up for discussion, to explain a \$5.1 million item on the projected budget for the year 2000.

"We figured that groundbreaking for the new library would take place in the year 2000," she responded. "We didn't anticipate that," countered Mayor Reed.

"The amount has never changed," rejoined Ms. Thresher.

(Estimated construction costs for a new library are \$12 million. The Borough and Township are each committed to providing \$3 million, while the library Board of Trustees is attempting to raise an additional \$6 million.)

Ms. Thresher pointed out that even figures in a six-year budget are bound to change, as capital needs evolve.

"We have to keep our options open to change the plan in subsequent years," said Mr. Martindell.

"At the moment it still seems reasonable to predict that we will have to bond \$5 million-odd in the year 2000," repeated Mayor Reed.

"Let's talk about now!" interrupted Township Mayor Michele Tuck-Ponder. "We are bringing more than we are prepared to discuss into these deliberations. I am sure that with a few minor adjustments, we can approve these requests."

The Borough Mayor then conceded that maybe the Township Mayor was right. "It doesn't make much difference for 1998," he finally admitted. "It doesn't change the amount of debt payment. It would be pretty reasonable to consider these requests."

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ough Administrator Marlena Schmid said she would have the Joint Insurance Fund safety consultant take a look at the floor in question.

Defibrillators for Police

The Regional Health Commission submitted a request that the budget be amended to include \$30,000 for the purchase of six portable defibrillators — three for the Borough and three for the Township police.

The value of defibrillators has been proved many times in cases of cardiac arrest, noted Health Officer William Hinshillwood. Many First Aid squads use them, he said, and it would be useful for the police to have them too.

Township Deputy Mayor Phyllis Marchand commended the Health Commission for its suggestion, but recommended that the cost of defibrillators be part of each individual municipality's police budget.

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10:30 a.m.: Readings over Coffee, Princeton Public Library. June and Jim Conneron, with Peter DeLeonibus, Mary Greenberg, Sarah Mindin and Ed Stout; reading from "The Gift of the Magi" and "A Little Something for Christmas."

12:30-1 p.m.: Andre Tarantiles, harp, and Erik Chapman, violin; Princeton University Chapel.

4:30 p.m.: Lecture, "Thoughts on Space and Time," Prof. Nathan Selberg, Institute for Advanced Study; Wolfensohn Hall, Institute.

4:30 p.m.: Students readings from the poetry, fiction and translation completed during Princeton University's fall semester creative writing program; James Stewart Theater, 185 Nassau Street.

5:30 p.m.: Reading and signing by Richard Preston, author of "The Cobra Event" and "The Hot Zone," at Micawber Books, 110 Nassau Street.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Site Plan Advisory Board, Township Municipal Building.

8 p.m.: *Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope*; Crossroads Theatre, New Brunswick. Also Thursday and Friday at 8, Saturday at 3 and 8, Sunday at 3 and 7:30.

8 p.m.: Mandy Patinkin in Concert; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: Township Zoning Board, Valley Road Building. Kornhauser application, continued from December 9.

Thursday, December 11

9 a.m.: Sewer Operating Committee, Borough Hall.

7:30 p.m.: Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*; McCarter Theatre. Also Friday at 7:30, Saturday at 2 and 8, Sunday at 1 and 5:30.

7:30 p.m.: Princeton Environmental Commission, Valley Road Building.

8 p.m.: Brahms Centennial Concert, The Borromeo String Quartet with Todd Palmer, clarinet, and Stephen Prutsman, piano; Princeton University Concerts; Richardson Auditorium.

8 p.m.: Christmas Pops, New Jersey Symphony Orchestra; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

Tuesday, December 16

5:30 p.m.: Princeton Public Library Board of Trustees, second floor meeting room at library.

8 p.m.: *A Tina Christmas*; George Street Playhouse. Also Wednesday through Saturday at 8, Saturday and Sunday at 2.

8 p.m.: Board of Education, John Witherspoon School, 217 Walnut Lane.

8 p.m.: Township Zoning Board, Valley Road Building. Kornhauser application, continued from December 10.

Wednesday, December 17

6:30 p.m.: Service of Lessons and Carols; Miller Chapel, Princeton Theological Seminary. Also at 8:30.

7:30 p.m.: Board of Education Minority Education Committee, Valley Road Building.

8 p.m.: Township Zoning Board, Valley Road Building. Application for use variance to create bed-and-breakfast.

8 p.m.: Borough Zoning

Board, Borough Hall.

8 p.m.: *Don't Bother Me, I Can't Cope*; Crossroads Theatre Co., New Brunswick. Also Thursday and Friday at 8, Saturday at 3 and 8, Sunday at 3 and 7:30.

Thursday, December 18

7:30 p.m.: Princeton High

School Choirs and Orchestra Board, Borough Hall.

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7:30 p.m.: Princeton High School Winter Concert; Princeton University Chapel.

7:30 p.m.: Regional Planning Board, Main Meeting Room, Township Municipal Building.

8 p.m.: Borough Zoning

Board, Borough Hall. 8 p.m.: Charter School Board, 575 Ewing Street.

Friday, December 19

7:30 p.m.: Dickens' *A Christmas Carol*; McCarter Theatre. Also Saturday at 2 and 8, Sunday at 1 and 5:30, and Monday and Tuesday at 7:30.

8 p.m.: Handel's *Messiah*, Princeton Pro Musica; Richardson Auditorium. Also Saturday at 8.

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Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. Let's Talk, Redding Circle
 10:45 a.m. Line Dancing, SPC.
 11:00 a.m. VIM, YW/YMCA
 2:00 p.m. People & Stories, SRC

Thursday: TCG Holiday Phone Calls. Registration necessary; Call 924-7108. Transportation available
 11 a.m. AARP, Kingston Presbyterian Church
 12:30 p.m. Pinochle, SPC
 2:00-4:00 p.m. Crafts, SRC

Friday: 9:30 a.m. CHIME, SRC.
 10:30 a.m. Ping Pong, SPC.
 11:00 a.m. VIM, YW/YMCA
 1 p.m. Senior Citizens Club Holiday Party, Palmer Inn. Members only. Reservations 924-2230
 6:30 p.m. Bingo, Elm Court

Saturday: 11 a.m.-12 noon Merrill Lynch Holiday Phone Calls; Call 924-7108 to register. Transportation available
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Monday: 10:45 a.m. Flexercise with Joce, SRC
 2:30 p.m. Stroke Support, Merwick Library. Call 497-1931
 6:30 p.m. Bingo, Elm Court
 6:30 p.m. Bingo, SRC

Tuesday: 9-10 a.m. Blood pressure screenings, Redding Cir
 10:30 a.m. Coping with Loss, Redding Circle.
 11:00 a.m. Spanish Class, SPC
 12:30 p.m. Bridge, SPC
 1-3 p.m. Adventures in Literature with Prof. Ingenbrandt, SRC

Wednesday: 10:30 a.m. Let's Talk, Redding Circle
 11:00 a.m. VIM, YW/YMCA
 1:30-2:30 p.m. Blood pressure screenings, SRC
 2:00 p.m. People & Stories, SRC

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8 p.m.: Nunsense, Off-Broadstreet Theatre. Also Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 2:30. Dessert served one hour before curtain.

Friday, December 12
 12 noon: Borough Housing Authority, Nassau Club, 6

Mercer Street.

7 p.m.: *Twos the Night Before Christmas*; Kelsey Theatre, Mercer County Community College. Also Saturday at 2 and 4.

7:30 p.m.: PCS Pops, Princeton Chamber Symphony; Richardson Auditorium.

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Hockey; Massachusetts vs. Princeton, Baker Rink.

8 p.m.: Nunsense, Off-Broadstreet Theatre, Hopewell. Also Saturday at 8 and Sunday at 2:30; dessert served one hour before curtain.

8 p.m.: "The Colors of Christmas," Westminster Jubilee Singers; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College.

8 p.m.: Crystal Gayle, "A Country Christmas"; State Theatre, New Brunswick.

8 p.m.: "A Gift of Stories for the Holidays," with storyteller Susan Danoff; Princeton Center for Yoga and Health.

Saturday, December 13

11 a.m.: Children's Gallery Talk at Princeton University Art Museum; "Origami," by Laura Kruskal, founder and director, Princeton Origami Center.

12-2 p.m.: Publication party and book signing for *Images of America: Princeton*, by Richard D. Smith; Encore Books and Music, Princeton Shopping Center.

8 p.m.: An Evening of Readings and Carols, Westminster Chapel Choir, Concert Bell Choir, Schola Cantorum; Princeton University Chapel.

Sunday, December 14

1:30 p.m.: "Medieval and Renaissance Music for Christmas," Engelchor Consort, Princeton University Art Museum. Also at 3 p.m.

4 p.m.: A Christmas Musicfest, Westminster Singers; Bristol Chapel, Westminster Choir College. Also at 8.

7:30 p.m.: Dickens' A Christmas Carol; McCarter Theatre.

Monday, December 15

7 p.m.: Township Committee, Township Municipal Offices.

7:30 p.m.: Board of Education Finance Committee, Valley Road Building.

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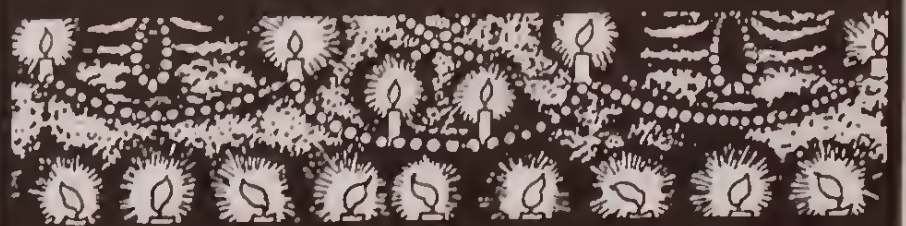
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Princeton Has Opportunity to Acquire Needed Community Facility + Open Space

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

Where can you go to have a wedding reception in Princeton, or a meeting place for your group, a reception, or art exhibit? Princeton Township owns Mountain Lakes House, which is booked well into the future. When it was proposed to use the house for family and local group events, the neighbors were concerned about traffic and noise, so public use was limited to three times a year for the first year. Since there were no problems, it has been operating quietly for a number of years without bothering the neighbors.

Where can you go for your event if you don't belong to a private club or can't afford a big hotel on Route One? Princeton has very few community facilities.

Our Lady of Princeton on The Great Road has provided such facilities for the community for years, with frequent weddings, christenings and a few funerals. Alcoholics Anonymous meets there, and the Montessori School was located there for many years. There was, for a time, elderly housing and care in the mansion. There were family events in the Chapel and weekend retreats in the convent. I am not aware of complaints to the Township about noise. If ALK's application is rejected, these uses will cease, leaving Princeton more impoverished for community facilities than before.

The Kornhausers, who are seeking to buy Our Lady of Princeton, have offered to continue to make facilities available to the community. The Chapel would be available both for local groups for meetings and events and for family events with clearly specific hours and days. The restored mansion house and grounds would be shared between ALK and the community. The convent building, which for years sheltered nuns for 24 hours a day for eating, sleeping, playing and praying, would be used for a quiet think-tank business in the daytime. Scheduling would be tied to the parking lot, to keep cars at the numbers approved.

There have been concerns about a traffic increase on The Great Road; traffic studies of our region show tremendous growth in Montgomery and especially Hillsborough, as well as rapidly increasing traffic from the West. If we attempt to save a "little hole" in the traffic by turning down our own facilities, that "little hole" will be totally used by cars from the north and west heading to the job centers and malls on Route 1. I have heard one or two people opine that we should deny ourselves facilities located along The Great Road to save a few hundred cars a day in traffic. We will only deny ourselves needed facilities in order to provide more room for outsiders. Our best traffic strategy is to get a by-pass built.

Unfortunately, greatly exaggerated figures about traffic and use have been promoted by some opponents. My own house, I calculate, could hold 50 people for a party, with 365 days in a year, that makes 18,250 people at my house, and since they would have to arrive and depart, that would be 36,500 car trips a year. I also have a terrace, so in May through September, I could include an extra 50 people. Let me think — how many is that a year? (25,750 people and 51,500 car trips.) This might be physically possible, absolutely improbable.

"Creative" numbers, based on worst case scenarios of traffic and use, have been promulgated by some in the opposition. A little common sense would help us to see that this combination of office in the convent, community use in the chapel, and shared use of the mansion house with nothing more to be built on the grounds, is a great opportunity for Princeton.

With the deed restrictions the Kornhausers have agreed to, if this property is ever sold so that another business is located in the convent, the community uses will continue as long as this use continues.

I would recommend that ALK and any successors in this use give a first refusal to the Township, so that in the future, when all of Princeton is built on or paved over, there will be an opportunity to acquire open space or community facilities.

MARGEN PENICK
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Pickup for Annual AFS Citrus Sale Scheduled for This Week at PHS

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

The AFS Chapter of Princeton wishes to thank all our friends who have ordered citrus fruit this year.

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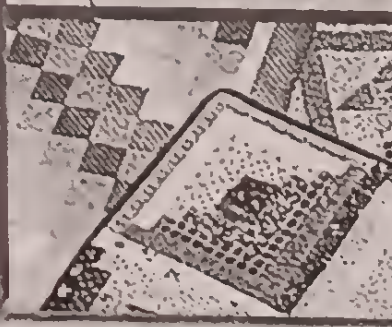
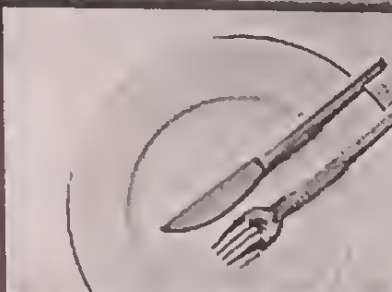
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Granting ALK Variance Will Increase Hazard To the Many Children Traveling The Great Road

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

I have listened for over nine months to the heated debate over the ALK application. I agree with the opposition and maintain that a commercial enterprise has no place on The Great Road. The Master Plan adopted by Princeton Township is there for a reason. It is there to ensure my safety and the safety of my fellow students. I would like to speak up in this final hour before the zoning board votes on the ALK application. I would like to remind the zoning board that there is a largely under-represented group in the Township that has had little say in this matter.

As the President of Princeton High School Class of 1998 I would like to remind the zoning board that there are more children than adults traveling The Great Road.

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It is our route when we travel during the day on field trips. It is the most frequently traveled route to our athletic activities in Hopewell and Pennington. The football team, the soccer team, the baseball teams, the lacrosse teams, the track teams, the field hockey teams, the wrestling teams and the basketball teams make it their route. Multiply that by the jayvee and varsity players and all of their supporters. Add the thousands we reciprocate with, who travel back to Princeton on our road.

We are the overwhelming majority on The Great Road every day, yet we have not been asked how we feel! Despite the recommendations of the traffic consultants I contend that The Great Road is hazardous. My school bus was involved in a collision at the intersection of The Great Road and Ridgeview Road. It is a matter of public record yet the traffic consultants failed to mention it.

My bus driver has been traveling The Great Road for 17 years. She is a professional. She is aware of the hazard. But despite her professionalism I can expect to arrive late for school because of the overwhelming amount of traffic on The Great Road.

The Stuart Country Day School has the same problem. The State of New Jersey recognized the dilemma and intervened and installed a traffic light on The Great Road in their effort to ensure our safety.

The traffic light is not even green and the zoning board is already faced with another 1000 cars a day. I am writing today in the hope that the zoning board will vote NO tomorrow in their attempt to ensure the safety and welfare of the thousands of children like myself who travel The Great Road every morning, afternoon and night.

MICHELLE DRIMMER

President, Senior Class of Princeton High School

Meeting the Needs of Homebound Seniors, HomeFriends Is a Vital Community Program

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

It has come to my attention that a recent article regarding volunteer and client recruitment for the HomeFriends Program inadvertently left out the fact that this unique program is sponsored by the Princeton Senior Resource Center. The press release from which the article was taken was written in haste and not proofed, for which I take responsibility.

The Princeton Senior Resource Center created HomeFriends in 1987 to address the needs of homebound seniors and disabled in Princeton Borough and Township. Soon after, the United Way began to provide yearly funding and it became possible for HomeFriends to expand services to thirteen Princeton-area communities. Today, HomeFriends provides 4,500 hours of service each year to homebound people and their families including but not limited to such things as shopping, transportation to medical appointments, reading aloud to those with visual impairment, and information and referral to other support services.

It is important for all of us to realize just how critical the Princeton Senior Resource Center is to the continuation of a unique program that addresses homebound needs through friendship and caring. Even more important is the fact that HomeFriends is only one of many fine programs that the Princeton Senior Resource Center provides to the community. We can be reached at 924-7108.

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Success of Young Achievers Program Documented by Professional Evaluation

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:
As members of the Princeton Young Achievers Advisory Board, we are very pleased that the Princeton Regional School Board has expressed its ongoing support for this remarkable program. Princeton Young Achievers, which operates three neighborhood after-school learning centers, provides academic support for children who live in Princeton's affordable housing areas. As a unique collaboration among the school system, the affordable housing corporations and the community, PYA is a model program of visionary education practice.

We'd now like to take this opportunity to clarify some confusions that may have arisen in the recent discussions about PYA. Princeton Young Achievers has a clearly defined mission statement, which reads, in part, "Princeton Young Achievers is committed to providing meaningful educational opportunities and academic support for students who attend the Princeton Regional Schools and/or those who reside in affordable housing areas." It also states, "Community involvement and support of PYA 'levels the playing field' for students who may not otherwise have access to such educational opportunities."

It's very simple: PYA's goal has always been to meet the needs of Princeton's low/moderate income and minority students, to enhance the academic resources available to them, and to give them the fundamental skills and habits of mind that will allow them to be productive life-long learners.

To that end, the Advisory Board has been active in both operations and fund-raising. In the past year, we raised approximately \$100,000 through grants and fundraisers to supplement the funding provided by the schools and the housing authorities. Our will to find money for this program is bounded only by the public's generosity and the School Board's ongoing support.

PYA has had two coordinators in its five-year history. The first, the much esteemed Dr. Shirley Paris, died in 1995; the second, the very able Nicole Moore, left us last month to take a job as assistant principal in a school in southern New Jersey, closer to her home. Under Ms. Moore's strong direction, PYA experienced record attendance, with a significant increase in the number of children who came on a regular basis. Communication and cooperation between classroom teachers and the staff at the Learning Centers also grew to a notable degree, to the benefit of all our students.

These developments led Terry Clark and Education Resources Group, who last June made a professional evaluation of PYA (provided pro bono, incidentally), to conclude that students who attend the program regularly have demonstrated "overall improvement in their academic performance." Working with six indicators of achievement, Ms. Clark observed that PYA was successfully meeting its stated goals. Needless to say, we are very proud of the work done by our students under the supervision of the Centers' outstanding staff.

We want to thank all of those who have supported Princeton Young Achievers over the years. The program's exceptional mission, structure, and success are a testimonial to our commitment to all the children of Princeton.

MARCY CRIMMINS, LUCY JAMES
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Immediate Economic Needs Are Driving Change in Use for Our Lady of Princeton

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

The Zoning Board of Adjustment is considering an application for a zoning variance to convert the land where Our Lady of Princeton is located to commercial use. I urge the Planning Board to reject this application. The proposed commercial use will change the nature of this quiet residential community in many ways. It will increase the flow of traffic both on several residential streets in the immediate area and on the Great Road where traffic is already growing as people seek an alternative to the jammed Route 206.

This is not a neighborhood which abuts a commercial district and therefore might be a logical place for commercial expansion. In fact, there is no commercial activity within two miles of this area. The streets which wind through this and surrounding neighborhoods are narrow and in very poor shape, unable to handle increased traffic.

However, the fundamental issue in this zoning application request is whether or not the citizens of Princeton Township can rely on the commitments and plans of previous boards and commissions. Are agreements entered into and are plans made to be honored or will they be changed to meet the economic needs of the moment?

Since the Board is apparently willing to consider expansion of one commercial activity there is no reason to suppose that other commercial activities and office parks could not one day be allowed in this neighborhood or in any other residential neighborhood in Princeton Township. By introducing commercial activity into a residential neighborhood, the Board is signaling that development is the priority of the township rather than the need to honor prior planning commitments. To approve this application the Zoning Board would overturn all previous planning efforts which committed the Ridge area to a residential community.

All residents of the township should be concerned that the Zoning Board is considering changing the residential nature of this neighborhood in the northwest corner of the township. Such a decision could occur in any neighborhood in Princeton township.

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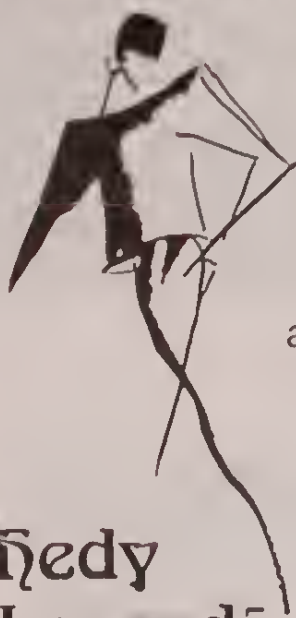
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Whether It's Immediate or Slow in Coming, Adverse Effects Will Come With an OK for ALK

To the Editor of **Town Topics**:

The purpose of a zoning board is to protect and maintain the best interests of the town it serves. I know that The Princeton Township Zoning Board had just those goals in mind several weeks ago when they approved an application I had put before them. They expressed their concern that the fence I wanted to erect should blend as quietly as possible into the natural surroundings of my neighborhood. They were so careful as to approve my application only with the caveat that I stain the pressure treated wood posts so that they more quickly disappear causing less visual intrusion to my neighbors.

I find it hard to believe that, very soon, this same Board may approve another variance; this one allowing a major commercial venture and all of its inherent risks to establish itself right in the middle of my neighborhood. It's impact, in terms of noise, light, traffic, habitat dislocation, property devaluation and safety risks have been debated for months now. I just can't help but think how inconsistent this is with their directive that I stain my posts to lower the adverse visual impact.

To back track a bit, my neighborhood, known as the Ridge, is an area of Princeton with a strong character to it. It is quiet and wooded. The kind of place that not everyone feels comfortable living in but exactly the kind of place that we, who live here, love to live in. We chose to make our homes here so that we could see the stars at night, so that our streets would be uncrowded, so that we could feel removed from town and business. We do simple things here like walk, enjoy the quiet of our backyards, play and sleep. Of course we all have personal priorities but we were all drawn to this area because it is what it is. This is what we have committed to, pay heavy taxes for and expect to keep living in. It is also what the prevailing zoning laws promised us at the time of our commitment.

But the convent around the corner is for sale. This is a problem. Of course the Township would love to have a viable, ratable assume ownership of the property as quickly as possible. Alan and Kitty Kornhauser would love to assume that ownership. From what I can tell there is nothing intrinsically wrong with either the Kornhausers or their growing business. It's simply that they want to locate it in the middle of my neighborhood. Hence, the need for a variance, an application, traffic studies, impact studies, site planning studies. How much noise will it produce?, how much light will emanate from its parking lots?, how many parties or conventions can they hold?, how much traffic will flow in and out of it?, where will that traffic go?, can the already overburdened Great Road absorb any more congestion?, will Ridgeview Road be turned into the new route of choice?, how many more deer will be hit by cars?, how many more animals will loose the delicate balance of their habitat?

I don't honestly know the answers to these questions. Experts for both sides will tell you opposing things. But I do know that there will be substantial and adverse impact. That is unavoidable. You cannot open up an area to mixed use zoning or run 70,000 square feet of commercial space profitably without creating it. Some of it will be immediate while some of it will creep in over time. Some of it will be readily measurable while other aspects will be less quantifiable. But it will inexorably be there.

So I ask myself, "Is it worth it? Who would this be benefiting." If it were a library, a place for senior citizens, a community center or even an institute for advance study then perhaps it would be worth grappling with these hard questions and changing the prevailing law and the nature of my neighborhood. The variance would then, at least, be supported by some noble value. But this application is for none of those things. It's for Alan and Kitty Kornhauser's private, for-profit consulting business.

Furthermore, it's not even as if we are dealing with the proverbial "Don't put the incinerator in my backyard" problem. There are other places the Kornhausers could go. The whole Route 1 corridor is designed just for their type of firm and would be all too happy to welcome them.

It will not be easy finding just the right use and buyer for the convent land. But that doesn't mean that Princeton should just roll over to the first ratable that comes along. Permitting commercial development will devalue all the surrounding residential properties. This will cause some home owners to appeal their tax assessment. Others may feel pressured into applying for similar commercial variances since the residential quality of their property will have been so diminished. And inevitably, this precedent will initiate and facilitate the interest of ever more commercial entities in an area that Princeton should cherish and protect for its rural, residential quality.

I believe that with determined, creative work, a suitable use of the convent land can be found. There can be another solution that would provide a ratable tax base, be respectful of its buildings and its open space and be consistent with the needs of the neighborhood even if that solution is not obvious today. Facing the risks inherent in the Kornhauser's application is not a necessity. There is no compelling reason to bring this upon us. There has been no public outcry in support of this application. The board should reject this application and wait for another proposal which is more in keeping with the existing context of our neighborhood. In the meantime we will continue to pay our taxes willingly, to support our Township lovingly and will be reassured and comforted by the fact that the representatives who make decisions that impact our lives do not let the profit motivated interests of a single individual rise above the interests of the Township as a whole or the trust of a neighborhood.

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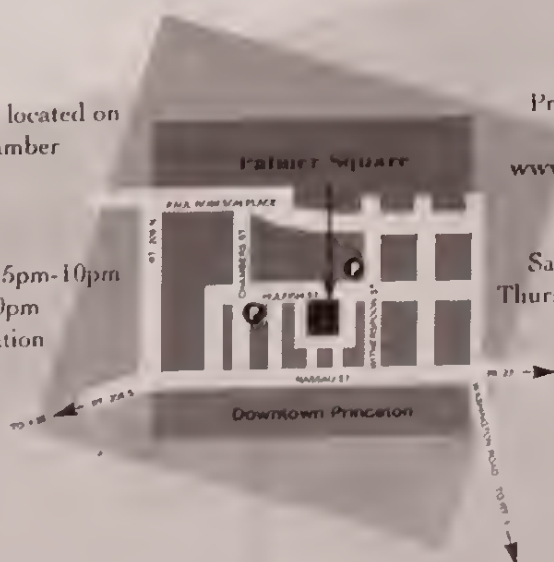
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Pursuit for a Certificate of Occupancy Has Been Stonewalled by the Borough

To the Editor of Town Topics:

The following is a copy of a letter sent to the Princeton Borough Mayor and Council.

For a period of over two years, I have repeatedly asked Mr. Drake of the Fire Safety and Rental Inspection Office to certify in writing that my rental property at 44 Wiggins Street has passed inspection. His refusal to do so is part of a harassment campaign instigated by a hostile and politically connected neighbor and conducted by his friends at Borough Hall. Mr. Drake has refused to answer or acknowledge my numerous requests. Having already been a victim of arbitrary usage of the atrocious Borough record keeping system, I fear that at some future date I will be accused of not having had the building inspected.

Mr. Drake aggressively inspected the property in 1995 and compiled a multi-page listing of violations, threats of fines, and deadlines for correction of the violations. When I challenged the validity of several of the questionable violations, they were reduced to some flaking paint, some mold on a bathtub, and an out of favor type door lock. These were immediately corrected and re-inspected. Mr. Drake has withheld notification of the successful re-inspection.

In 1997, the building was again inspected and cited for peeling exterior paint and a dripping sink faucet. These items were attended to and the building was re-inspected. Mr. Drake has also withheld notification of this successful re-inspection.

I have been harassed, defamed, lied to, threatened, and cheated by Princeton Borough officials. I was forced to withhold property tax payments to obtain escrow funds Borough officials were obligated, but refused to return.

These same officials are able to create a labyrinth of difficulties for rental property owners while servicing their friends, but are unwilling to follow through and perform their duties when the problems are rectified by the property owner. Apparently there are some Borough officials who want to stretch this harassment out as long as possible. I can only assume that brownie points are earned by those minions doing the bidding of the elected official who initiated this harassment.

As a taxpayer who has been threatened with fines and had arbitrary deadlines imposed for resolution of minor flaws in a building, I am entitled to written certification that the inspections were passed. Since the violations have been eliminated I can only assume I am now being punished because of the ethnic background of the tenants and my objection to the Princeton Borough plan to raid apartments of Hispanics in the middle of the night to count bodies in their beds, and to ship off to the Sleepy Hollow Motel, those deemed excess.

Having Borough officials and employees perform their duties and obligations shouldn't be dependent upon who you know and who you kiss up to. It's not a personality contest. If public officials and employees don't want to serve the public, or feel that they can be selective in who or how they serve, they should be encouraged to investigate other employment opportunities.

I am opening myself up to further vindictive and retaliatory actions by Borough officials but at some point a citizen has to stand up and protest the uneven application of ordinances and those officials who utilize Borough funds and resources to carry out their own personal agendas.

JOHN HURLEY
Laurel Road

The Borough's Response to Mr. Hurley

In December 1994 the Borough performed a housing inspection at Mr. Hurley's property at 44 Wiggins Street. The inspectors found the property was being illegally occupied as a three family dwelling. The property had received zoning approval for two family occupancy many

years ago but building permits had never been obtained for the conversion.

Mr. Hurley was advised of his violations and offered the opportunity to meet with the Borough staff to determine the best method for abating them. Mr. Hurley decided to seek approval from the Princeton Borough Zoning Board of Adjustment for the three family use. This request was denied after a public hearing.

After Mr. Hurley's zoning request was denied, I provided him with a set of requirements to gain approval for the work done on the building, without permits. Inspections and certifications by an architect, electrician and plumber were required to assure the Borough that the building was safe for use as a rental property. Mr. Hurley initially balked at this requirement. In December 1995 an agreement was reached between Mr. Hurley and the Borough. The agreement included a reduction of fines and a return of escrow fees Mr. Hurley incurred as a result of his Zoning Board application. He was to obtain the necessary inspections and certifications.

By July 1996 Mr. Hurley had obtained the appropriate certifications. He had not complied with the requirement to eliminate the electric meter for the illegal third apartment.

By July 1997 Mr. Hurley had removed the third electric meter and had passed the required electrical inspection. Upon receipt of the required application for a certificate of occupancy one was issued in July 1997.

Since two years had passed since the initial action, 44 Wiggins Street was due for another housing inspection. This inspection was made on April 21, 1997. The violations noticed in April were corrected by October 17, 1997. Upon payment of inspection fees a certificate of compliance will be issued for 44 Wiggins Street effective October 17, 1997. Until that date, outstanding violations existed at the property, thereby precluding issuance of a certificate.

Throughout this arduous enforcement action, Mr. Hurley has been treated fairly and courteously even though he has been abusive to the Borough staff. We will continue our efforts to enforce the state and local codes in a fair and uniform manner.

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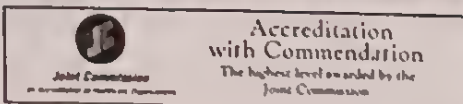


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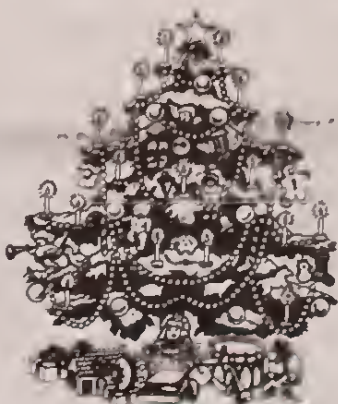
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It all makes the holiday shopping scene festive and fun, as the Princeton area stores offer a great selection of gifts in all categories. With an emphasis on quality and service that has stood the test of time, Princeton shops are the place to be.

And now it's time to get going. 15 shopping days left!

CHRISTMAS Shopping Guide

You can accomplish a lot of holiday shopping under the **Princeton U-Store's** roof, and now Princeton's favorite department store offers its great variety of items in a sleeker, more open format.

Books, music, men's and women's clothing, Princeton insignia items and gifts, stationery and greeting cards, photography and electronics, sports equipment, snack food and sundries, and the very popular Clinique cosmetic counter for men and women are all available.

Changes and additions to the merchandise include a more informal look to the men's department with the addition of Dockers and Levi's, reflecting the more casual style of dress today. Of course, sport coats, blazers, trousers, dress shirts and ties are still available, and many choices are offered for gift-giving.

Sport coats include solids, tweeds, plaids, and checks in

the \$225 to \$375 range, and top coats and rain coats are also on display. Wool and cotton sweaters are in all designs from \$70, and the always-popular flannel shirt in many plaids and stripes is available from \$14.99. Hot sellers continue to be polar fleece items in a variety of styles and colors, including a good-looking Woolrich jacket for \$55.

The great assortment of accessories includes ties (with bows at \$20), belts, gloves and scarves. Fringed wool scarves in solid colors are \$16, and gloves are in all styles and price ranges.

And don't forget all the Princeton apparel. T- and sweatshirts of all kinds, pants, shorts, jackets, hats, etc. etc.

Princeton work-out wear is available for women, too, as well as a wonderful selection of other items. Sweaters in chenille, silk, silk/cashmere, and boucle in solids and patterns, starting at \$60, are super gifts.

Great stocking stuffers are the whimsical socks with holiday motifs, and soft polar fleece hats, gloves, and scarves are sure to keep someone on your list cozy warm. The Vera Bradley quilted bags and accessories are big sellers, and you could certainly pamper her — or him — with a gift package from Clinique.

Polar fleece blankets will chase away that winter chill, and Princeton alums will hurry to the great selection of Princeton gifts, with everything from Santa baby tigers (from \$5) to glass and barware to Princeton tree lights in orange tigers and P's (\$20 and \$32).

A wonderful needlepoint pillow features Nassau Hall, and a whimsical tiger is the star on a special needlepoint pillow (\$28). A variety of Princeton accessories includes 23k gold plated brass tie tacs, key rings, letter openers, clocks and watches.

The music department now has more rock, New Age, jazz and pop, as well as continuing to lead in its wide-ranging classical music selection, which offers many choices in all areas — opera, choral, symphonic, and vocal. CD gift possibilities are available in all sections, with many holiday choices.

Cameras are important holiday gifts, and among the many possibilities are the auto focus compact Olympus Stylus Zoom (\$267) and the solar-powered Canon Sure Shot Del Sol (\$167). In addition, there is now a Kodak photo-imaging machine for On-The-Spot photographic copies at \$9.95 per sheet. What great holiday opportunities this offers.

More Ideas — phones, fax and answering machines, computer supplies, and if you want to be creative with a pen, pencil, or brush, there is a great art department.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping are offered, and hours are Monday through Saturday 9 to 9, Sunday 11 to 6. The U-Store is now on the web: www.PUStore.com.



A visit to **Gasior's Furniture & Accessories** at 2152 Route 206 in Belle Mead is always a pleasure. Noted for its selection of high quality traditional English and American 18th-century reproduction furniture, it also has an extensive assortment of home accessories and gift items.

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Boxes are favorite gift items — everyone has a treasure of some kind to keep safe — and the store carries an assortment of miniature Limoges boxes in assorted shapes (including a traditional British soldier), as well as brass Williamsburg reproductions.

For those who enjoy an after dinner cigar, Gasior's offers an exceptional humidor. A very special piece, it is a box on a stand, in yew wood with inlay and Spanish cedar lining from Baker, and is certainly suitable for a substantial supply of the very finest cigars.

Perhaps brandy or a glass of wine would be a nice accompaniment, and Gasior's has just the thing for its storage. The store's attractive iron wine rack holds 40 bottles, and offers a pleasingly detailed design.

A fine leather chair is another outstanding addition to a room, and choices include club, wing chairs, and recliners in various colors.

Bookends are not always easy to find, and Gasior's has handsome bronze lion and elephant models, as well as Williamsburg brass, sure to please the reader on your list.

The store also has a fine selection of magazine racks, including wood and brass, and these are always good gifts.

Gasior's display of candlesticks is extensive. Available in all sizes and styles, with many in brass, from \$15, they also include an assortment of multicolored elephant designs from \$55.

Another excellent gift idea is one of the plant stands on display. Jardinieres and planters are in a variety of styles and sizes, including metal and copper, and tall vases in black, gold, or green are very attractive, and make a dramatic statement.

You simply cannot have too many picture frames, and Gasior's offers brass, silver,



CANDY BEAR: This bear, made entirely of candy — gum drops, Gummy Bears, jelly beans, etc. — is a very "sweet" sight in Hamilton Jewelers' window on Nassau Street. The store will hold a silent auction for the bear and donate the proceeds to Princeton Medical Center. Hamilton's selection of fine jewelry and giftware offers many gift-giving choices.

and wood in many sizes, from \$15. It also has a selection of brass picture stands, as well as a large display of framed art.

Lamps are a highlight of the store, and a complete selection in every style, including adjustable floor and brass pharmacy lamps, is available.

Many visitors to Gasior's know that the building was once a school house, and reminders of this remain in the playroom for children, with old-fashioned desk, chalk board, and books and toys. The kids can play here, while their parents browse among the many sample rooms throughout the store.

Gasior's offers gift certificates, and is open Monday through Saturday 10 to 5:30, Thursday until 8.



Kale's Christmas Shop at 133 Carter Road is a visual pleasure, a wonderland of light — providing a true holiday glow! And not only is it eye-appealing with its display of decorated theme trees, snow villages, and collectibles from all over the world, it offers a super selection in every category of holiday decorating.

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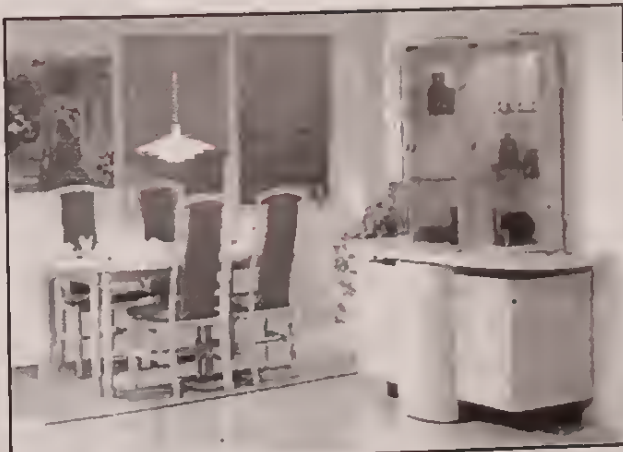
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characters. The fabulous handblown glass ornaments by Christopher Radko decorate an entire tree, and these ornaments are added to prized collections each year.

Also in demand are the Old World Christmas glass ornaments (made from antique molds) and wooden collectibles. On Saturday, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m., a representative from Old World Christmas will be at Kale's. Refreshments will be offered, and a lucky customer will win a free ornament.

Gorgeous papier mache decorative angels are really spectacular this year, starting at \$13.99. There are also fun wildlife ornaments, including little raccoons, at \$6.99, and Kale's has a wonderful candle selection, with a big display of the popular Yankee line.

The toy section is the most fun for kids, and for many adults, as well. It brings to mind Santa's workshop, and this year, there are many Looney Tunes and Disney characters in plush toys and ornaments. Snowmen of all sizes and styles tumble over each other in a big sleigh, and also available is a full supply of the incredibly popular Beanie Babies.

More good news is that Santa will be visiting the toy shop on Tuesday, December 16 between 10 a.m. and 5 p.m., and again on Saturday December 20.

Kale's has a beautiful greenhouse filled with a complete selection of poinsettias and holiday blooming plants. In addition, orchids and gardenias are available, as is a large assortment of the increasingly popular ivy topiaries. Many people decorate with them, and a charming gift is a little ivy topiary tree arrangement with a candle in the center (\$9.99).

Birdhouses, feeders, and all seed and supplies are big items. Very special are the Lazy Hill handcrafted and signed houses and feeders, and the Droll Yankee Ltd. Edition feeder. A roosting house for little birds, such as wrens, is a nice gift for a bird enthusiast.

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trees are offered in dwarf Alberta, Norway and blue spruce, Douglas fir and white pine. Choosing the tree is always special at Kale's.

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gold, necklaces include neck collars, as well as chains in varying lengths, and there are many choices in earrings, both pierced and clips. Also popular this season is the gold/silver combination, offering an attractive look.

The store's popular selection of belt buckles is in many styles. The accompanying strips are big favorites, and offered in assorted colors and textures, including ultra suede. Also in demand is the stretch belt in wide and narrow widths, and sized from small through extra large.

The Piccadilly has become known for its selection of the very popular Vera Bradley accessories. Available in many attractive patterns and prints, these machine washable, quilted cotton hand and travel bags and accessories (including double eye glass cases this year), are very big sellers. Coin cases start at \$10.

The Lanz sleepwear selection is another Piccadilly tradition, and always popular for holiday gift-giving. In cozy warm cotton flannel, night gowns and sleep shirts are in a variety of styles and patterns from \$33. Pajamas are also available this year.

The store carries its usual excellent assortment of Leon Levin shirts and tops in solids and prints in both long-sleeved and short-sleeved styles. The Levin one-size-fits-


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The Piccadilly on Nassau Street is one of Princeton's true treasures. For 30 years, this very popular Nassau Street women's store has sold updated classic clothes that are stylish, wearable, and versatile.

There is also a wonderful array of accessories, so important for completing the fashion statement, and all offering terrific gift opportunities. The store has a selection of stunning hand-screened silk scarves, which are really works of art. In assorted sizes, they are in eye-catching designs and color combinations, from vivid to pastel. Tone-on-tone, shadow stripes, gold thread accents — the choices are elegant and varied.

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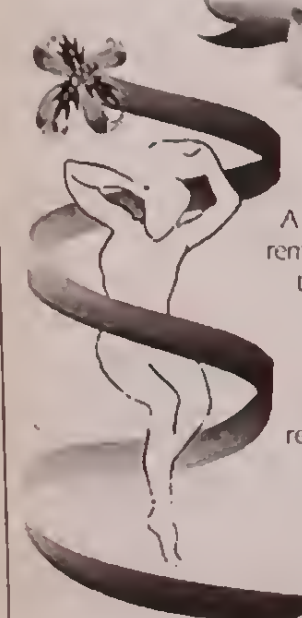
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In addition, there are fun specialty Christmas tree and Santa boxes, as well as all the novelties, from super-duper chocolate classic cars to tennis rackets to candy cane pops and nutcrackers to fax machines and make-up kits, starting at \$1.50. Santas of all kinds (white, milk, and dark), including solid folk art Kris Kringles, and all sizes, such as a hefty 50-pound version, are on display — indeed, a Santa for every sweet tooth!

There is also a selection of Hanukkah novelties, with dreidels, menorahs, and other items, from \$2.25.

All the chocolate is made on the premises, and a real specialty is the large — and gorgeous — comucopia filled with chocolate fruit.

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Thomas Sweet offers gift certificates, and Chocolate Shop hours are Monday through Saturday 11 to 9, Sunday until 6; ice cream hours are Monday through Sunday 11 to 11, Friday and Saturday until midnight.

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all shirts are offered in both regular and petite, and there is also a selection of pants and skirts (including pleated plaids).

In addition, the Levin machine washable acrylic cardigans in many shades with dyed-to-match buttons are very popular at \$58.

Other wonderful styles are offered for evening or casual wear. Silk sweaters make a striking fashion statement, and there are also silk and

cashmere combinations, including turtle necks, and tunic-type buttonless cardigans.

Fashions at the Piccadilly can take you anywhere. Separates include wonderful silk jackets and skirts, dressy or for daytime. Ultra suede never ceases to be glamorous, and there is also a wonderful selection of silk shirts and blouses in assorted prints and styles.

And for the holiday parties, stunning silk quilted jackets in black and purple offer jewel neck and sequin accents, a great look with long party

pants or skirt. Also gorgeous — a tone-on-tone plum chiffon tunic with matching camisole, and Georgette double-fold party pants!

Travelers will love the washable knit group of jackets, pants, and skirts, all featuring easy care and exciting styles, including holiday colors and motif.

The Piccadilly also carries the popular Schrader line of dresses and ensembles in regular and petite sizes, and in a variety of fabrics.

Gift certificates and gift packaging are available, and hours are Monday through Friday 10 to 5:30, Saturday until 5. Visa and MasterCard are accepted.



Everything about **Ashton-Whyte**, the charming shop at 250 South Main Street in Pennington, suggests gracious living, and once you have visited, you will surely want to return.

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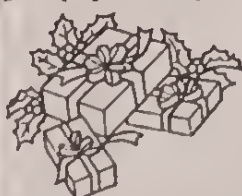


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PETSTUFF: Dog and cat ceramic plates are part of this fun display at Creative Hands in the Montgomery Shopping Center. This charming gift shop offers a big selection of hand-done craft items in all categories, and animal lovers will enjoy the special assortment geared to their favorite pet. Dog and cat picture frames, night lights with cat designs, ceramic dog and cat wall hangings, cat and dog ornaments, and a ceramic dog leash holder are all available, starting at \$14.

ly, and there are wonderful quilts and throws of chenille, mohair and cotton. Wool hooked area rugs are available in many designs and color combinations.

Ashton-Whyte carries a full selection of the Palais Royale bed, bath, and table linens and accessories, and also offers wonderful terry robes in assorted colors, which can be monogrammed for Christmas (\$75).

The store is a visual pleasure, and the Christmas tree, decorated with Christopher Radko's old-fashioned, hand-blown glass ornaments is a delight. Ornaments, including Santas, kewpies, and even Humpty Dumpty, are available from \$12.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping are offered, and hours are Monday through Saturday 9 to 5, Thursday until 7, Sunday 12 to 5.

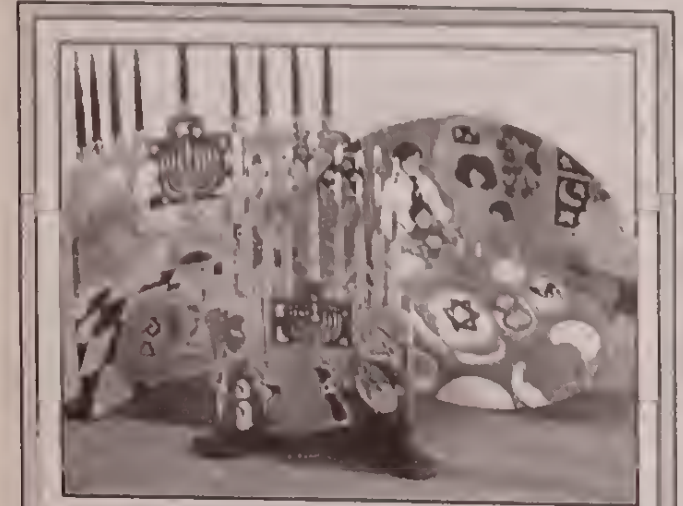
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One of the most appealing things about Ashton-Whyte is that it smells so good! An extensive selection of wonderful soaps from France, Italy, and Portugal is displayed throughout the store, and they make excellent gifts — either individually as a very fragrant stocking stuffer or in boxes.

Ashton-Whyte also has a selection of decoupage items, which are so popular now. Trays, flower pots, cachepots, and waste baskets, done by area resident Bonnie Stafford, are all on display. Also in demand is Anne Marie Murray's selection of hand-painted porcelain, with everything from cookie jars to special occasion plates in charming designs. A little basket with snowman and holiday motif is suitable to hold tea bags or other items (\$35).

New this year are hand-pewter Italian picture frames, candlesticks, and accessories. A set of four napkin rings is \$45 and a thoughtful gift.

Decorative tasseled pillows, some of antique silk, are love-



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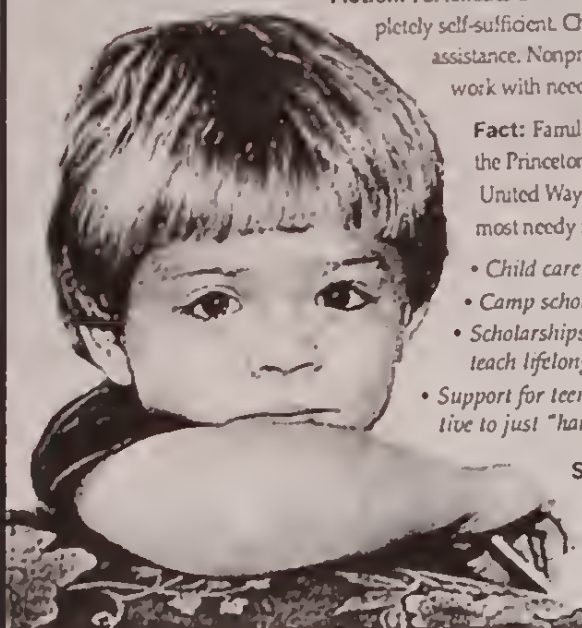


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Michael Graves Design Collection at 338 Nassau Street is the only store in the world to feature exclusively the gift items designed by award-winning architect, Michael Graves. There are many wonderful choices for holiday shopping in this charming studio store.

An hors d'oeuvre tray with removable glass segments, a covered cheese board with a mouse guard, a bread box, a series of vases and candlesticks in colored ceramic and gold leaf, and colored versions of the classic Pelicano espresso pot are just some of Mr. Graves' new products from the Italian manufacturer, Alessi.

Adding to his tea kettle collection, Mr. Graves has designed a Mickey Mouse tea kettle in bright red Christmas enamel, priced at \$66. A complete Mickey selection includes wonderful painted metal picture frames in all colors for \$14, similar Mickey silhouette bookend sets for \$28, and the executive Mickey dinnerware (used in the Disney Burbank, Calif. headquarters).

Everything from crystal egg cups that double as cordial glasses, miniature silver charms, veneered classic clocks to lush Alpaca scarves (\$35) are all here. And so much more!

Influenced by the Tuscan hills and "The Palio" in Siena, Italy, Mr. Graves has created framed prints, beautiful enamel pens (\$45) and business card cases, and silk ties (\$38), in addition to his signature line of Tuscan landscape jewelry. Bracelets, earrings, and cufflinks are part of this classic collection in sterling silver and vermeil (\$40 to \$750).

A selection of men's and women's Swiss watches includes the classic Graves watch with aluminum engraved bezel, and the architectural series watch with laser engraved aluminum bezel featuring raised numbers, \$235 and \$265.

Gift certificates and the signature Michael Graves gift wrapping are offered, and hours are Monday through Friday 10 to 4:30, and Saturday until 6. Wednesday, December 10, from 5:30 to 7:30, the public is invited to join Mr. Graves for a holiday party, as he signs products. Hors d'oeuvres will be served from the special new hors d'oeuvre tray.



Feminine elegance is the key to **Edith's** filmy negligees, glamorous gowns, sleek silk, sexy black lace — all on display at the popular Nassau Street lingerie shop.

Whether it's backless, strapless, or up-lift, the per-



SEXY IN SILK: Edith's, everyone's favorite lingerie shop, 170 Nassau Street, offers a wonderful selection for the holidays. Edith's daughter, Anne, is shown with a mannequin wearing a sleekly sexy red silk gown, trimmed in black lace. The latest in lingerie — gorgeous gowns, robes, and undergarments of all kinds — is on display and in full supply.

fect undergarment is waiting for you. Really special are the new Simone Perele bras from France with incredibly delicate lace and wonderful detailing, with matching pants and thongs. Equally sexy are the La Perla bras and matching bikinis from Italy, featuring exquisite embroidery.

If you are in the mood for a sexy lace body suit with thong or the sheer net Marilyn Monroe body suit, Edith's is the place to find it. A black lace body suit from Simone Perele is sexy, stylish, and sleek.

For something a bit more unadorned, there is the popular bralet from Elita for \$13.50.

Edith's also carries the high quality Hanro underwear in the most delicate silk or cotton, offered in camisole, long and short sleeves, as well as bras and nightgowns.

The selection of Flora Nikrooz gowns is gorgeous and glamorous, especially appealing with chiffon coat, and Edith's can special order any item from the line.

Elegant robes are another Edith's specialty, and always a wonderful gift. Beautiful quilted and velours robes are on display, as are the fabulous Flo Weinberg robes.

And really special is the 100 percent wool burgundy robe with silk collar and cuffs, as is a super smooth cashmere robe in sea shell pink, suitable for home entertaining, a perfect accompaniment to silk slacks.

Edith's also offers the very popular Nick & Nora sleepwear in pajamas and sleep-shirts in a variety of fun designs. The new pattern features Lucy and Ethel at the Chocolate Factory from the 1

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The bed jackets of old have become the reading jackets of the '90s, and whatever they are called, Edith's has an excellent selection.

A variety of wonderful slippers is also available this year, including formal gold styles at \$50, fun terry scuffs with a cat Santa, special spa slippers, and slipper socks with rubberized feet.

As always, Edith's carries Gabar, Gottex — and new this year — Calvin Klein bathing suits. Special mastectomy suits are also available. In addition, there is a super selection of fish net cover ups in many colors at \$38.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping are available, and hours are Monday through Saturday 9:30 to 5:30, and the two Sundays before Christmas 1 to 5.



Custom framing and an art gallery highlight **Main Street Gallery & Frame Co.** in the Montgomery Shopping Center. The spacious showroom is filled with the prints, photographs, lithographs, etchings, silk screens, serigraphs, and sculpture of many fine artists. In the midst of what can be a frantic rush during the holidays, taking time out to enjoy this engaging display of artwork can do wonders for frayed nerves.

Body Works

TLC for the body is a big plus at **Metropolis** in the Princeton Shopping Center, and face, hair, and nail care are also very important at this popular spa and salon. It offers a wide range of services for men and women in very spacious quarters, and a gift certificate is a wonderful way to remember someone on your holiday list.

A series of body treatments includes a variety of massage therapy, body wraps, and hydrotherapy (water treatment), all guaranteed to relieve stress and tension.

A facial is a welcome treat during busy holiday times (or any time!). Several types are offered, all providing skin cleansing, conditioning and moisturizing, as well as concentrating on specific conditions.

Manicures and pedicures, waxing, electrolysis, and make-up (lessons and applications) are other services, each offering several choices.

Hair cuts, styling, and color are priorities at Metropolis, and regular training at the Vidal Sassoon Academy in London is mandatory for all stylists.

Gift certificates are available for any individual service, and customers may also create any combination of services they wish.

Special gift packages include "Day of Renewal" (Metropolis facial, massage, spa manicure and pedicure, blow dry, and lunch — "six hours of Utopia" for \$230!); "Body Break" (massage, hydrotherapy, salt glo, and lunch — \$180); and "Afternoon Delight" (Metropolis Facial, spa manicure and pedicure, blow dry and lunch — \$165), among many others.

In addition, a number of gift items and baskets are offered. "Aromatherapy of Rome" candles are \$7 and up, Decleor caulksters of pure aromatherapy essence, diffuser, and candle are \$52, a French bath "Ritual Bag" contains bath gel, salts, and loofah, and is beautifully packaged in a gold wicker basket for \$38.

Theme gift baskets are popular, and typically start at \$30. "Nails & Feet" offers a gift certificate for manicure or pedicure together with a pair of the popular new loofah slippers, which smooth out those rough edges. The slippers are also available as a single gift for \$25.

Metropolis hours are Monday, Wednesday, and Saturday 9 to 6, Tuesday, Thursday, and Friday until 9. 683-8388.

A big attraction in the gallery are the photographs of and photographers are highlighted at Main Street Gallery, and currently the pastel painting New Jersey Landscape abstracts of Rocky Hill artist has been such a reminder of Leyla Spencer are available for \$45, as well as her hand-painted silk scarves and neckties (at \$45 and \$27).

In addition, the gallery offers the small oils of Princeton artist Leslie Neum-

eyer and the prints and drawings of area artist Marge Levine. The oils and prints of Jerry Cable include some of his Princeton University scenes and hand penciled Cape May houses.

Visitors to the gallery also enjoy the photography of owner Janet Landau. Her color and black and white photos include scenes from all over the world.

Main Street Gallery also features the primitive folk art of Will Moses (great-grandson of Grandma Moses), and it is exclusive to the gallery in the area. His work is also available in note cards and Christmas cards. His book, *Silent Night*, which he wrote and illustrated, is offered for \$16.95, and *The Legend of Sleepy Hollow*, which he illustrated, is \$18.95.

Other excellent gifts include the variety of unframed art, starting at \$20, framed botanicals from \$44, and small etchings in the \$100 range.

New this year are the wonderful hand designed tote bags of Linda Taylor. Made of durable upholstery fabric, they are in many patterns (including lighthouses — what a great beach bag!), very roomy, and priced at \$45.

The framing department is a big part of Main Street Gallery. Framing family photos is very popular during the holidays, as well as items that have special meaning — tickets to a play, ball game, etc. The gallery can accommodate all your choices!

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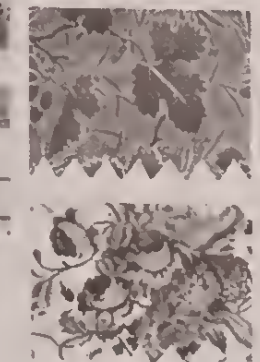
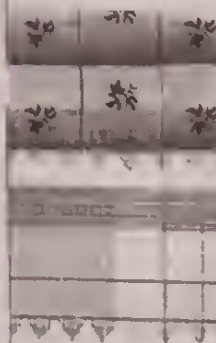
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Winterwear is the key now, and boots for men and women are big sellers. They are waterproof, and available in laced and pull-on styles, including dress boots.

The famous Draper sheepskin boots from England are in stock for men and women, and nothing is warmer. Rain and snow will be no problem with these super styles.

Slippers for Christmas? Of



GOOD ENOUGH TO EAT: Kelly Hamdan, partner, and Edwidge Fils-Aime, pastry chef at Chez Alice, are shown with the custom-made gingerbread house, offered in three sizes. This very popular eatery and bakery provides a big variety of delicious take-out items. Special holiday gift baskets are available, and full service catering offers holiday menus.

course! Again, the Draper sheepskin line from England is available for men and women, and toes will be toasty for

sure with these terrific imports. Ricchard's also carries an assortment of leather lined slippers for men. Comfort is the key today, and it is certainly true in shoe styles. You will find the finest choices at Ricchard's, including the Mephisto line of walking shoes from France. With a footbed made of 100% pure latex, these are extremely comfortable and durable, as well as providing good air circulation. In Nubuck and leather, a variety of styles is in stock for men and women.

Men will find a nice selection of dress shoes from Allen Edmonds, Alden, and Bally, many with an elegant look suitable for holiday festivities.

Dress shoes with higher heels are offered for women, and there are very attractive choices from Van Eli, Sesto Meucci, Cole-Haan, and for the wider fit, Peter Kaiser and Paul Green.

For more comfort-oriented footwear, Arche from France offers great styles with latex soles and soft Nubuck uppers. There is a wide selection, including boots, among them, very good-looking pant boots.

Ricchard's also has a variety of accessories this year, offering many excellent gift ideas. For men, there are dress socks, and fine leather belts, including those from the top-of-the-line Crookhorn Davis.

Hanes hosiery is available for women, as is a new line of very nicely finished Gabahn leather handbags and totes. In addition, there is a selection of wonderful evening bags in many styles in black, navy, and bone, priced in the \$30 range.

Gift certificates are offered, and Ricchard's is open Monday through Friday 9:30 to 6, Thursday until 8, Saturday 9 to 5, Sunday (in December) 12 to 4.

For many area residents, the ultimate in gourmet take-out can be found at **Chez Alice**, 254 Nassau Street. Whether it's soup, a sandwich, a full entree, or dessert and coffee, the selection is always delicious. Brioche, croissant, and bagels are great morning treats, and there are super homemade soups, sandwiches, and salads for lunch.

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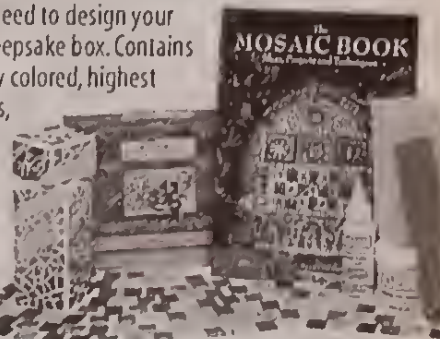
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And the desserts! Mango Bavarole, apricot-raspberry mousse cake, flourless chocolate cake, framboisier, chocolate pecan tart ... how to choose? Many customers enjoy sipping a cappuccino as they linger over their choice.

For the holidays, Chez Alice will have an assortment of traditional Christmas cookies, as well as such specialties as Buche de Noel and mini yule logs, decorated with little snowmen, (at \$3.25).

Also, for Christmas, a selection of special foie gras, duck confit, and terrines is available, as are gift baskets in many combinations and price ranges (\$25 to \$85).

Full service catering is a real Chez Alice specialty, and any size and type of event, from corporate meeting to cocktail parties to romantic dinners, can be accommodated. Both corporate and residential Christmas parties are very popular now, and in addition, Chez Alice offers special holiday dinner menus.

A sampling includes crab and lobster bisque, presented with aioli croutons; watercress-radicchio, apples, blue cheese and toasted walnut salad, elder and lemon vinaigrette; duck confit with demi-glace sauce and caramelized shallots; sauteed pearl onions and sugar snap peas; pear or apple tatin or assorted berry tarts.

Gift certificates are also available (what a great gift!), and hours are Monday through Friday 7:30 to 7, Saturday until 6, Sunday until 2. Also, look for Chez Alice's



NEW ARRIVAL: This handpainted wooden zebra is a very special children's clothing rack, and has just arrived, along with his giraffe companion, at The Perfect Gift on Nassau Street. A superb selection of gift items of all kinds and in a wide price range is beautifully displayed at this popular store, known also for its outstanding gift wrapping.

outside seating and brand new lunch menu next spring.



Why is everyone stopping and looking at the window of Go For Baroque at 20 Nassau Street? To see the new fish tank, of course! Nine colorful fish swim about in a wonderful miniature Christmas scene: decorated tree, toys, table and chairs, and

most intriguing, the family cat strolling by. It's very fun, and certainly characteristic of this unique store, where imagination and practicality blend together with taste, style and sophistication.

The special selection targets unusual gifts that focus on home accents: lamps made from musical instruments, mosaic tables that may be customized with your own china, handpainted furniture with custom design and finishes, a large and appealing assortment of high-end accessories, and a rotating display of artwork.

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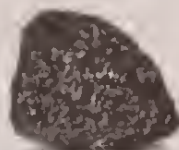
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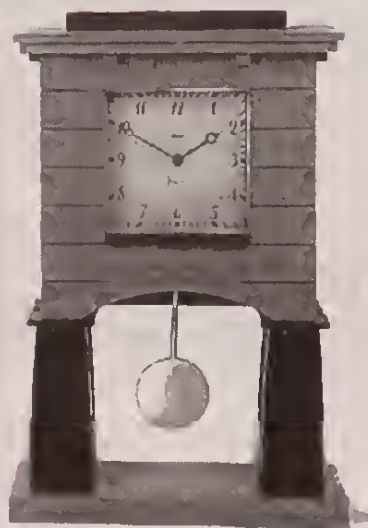
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SLEIGHFUL OF SNOWMEN: An array of stuffed toy snowmen fill the sleigh in Kale's Christmas Shop at 133 Carter Road. Snowmen of all kinds, including ornaments and snow shakers, are everywhere! Kale's offers a complete variety of decorations, ornaments, collectibles, and decorated theme trees, as well as a full selection of holiday plants, trees, and wreaths.

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refreshing scent of sea pebble Go For Baroque has a wonderful selection of holiday sachets (an apple sachet, suitable for hanging in the spun glass ball ornaments

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with metallic finish, gold mesh angels in several sizes, gold metal Christmas trees in open work design, and wool knit Christmas stockings in assorted patterns. Candles include elegantly graceful 16½-inch tapers in gold and cranberry with special finish, which burn for 11 hours.

"Nature's Angels," delightful wooden spoon angels, have heads of dried poppy pods, and colorful glass mobiles from Germany offer a whimsical look. The store's selection of the very popular and collectible decoupage items includes plates, wine coasters, bookends, and waste baskets in several themes, including sports and wildlife.

Handpainted and hand-drawn silk scarves, some velvet-lined, from England are gorgeous, and large enough for wear over a coat. Holiday hand towels offer a festive gingerbread man and stocking motif.

Antique wooden clocks are creatively crafted from vintage cigar boxes, drawers, tool boxes, and bannister spindles, and new this year is an assortment of lovely blue Delft in mosaic style.

A highlight of the Go For Baroque selection is the series of handpainted tables, coat racks, mirrors, trunks, and special game table (chess, backgammon, cribbage, checkers!). Charmingly and whimsically designed, decorated (with special sentiments) and painted by an American artist, these are colorful and fun.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping are available, and hours are Monday through Saturday 11 to 6, Sunday 12 to 4.



Lucky children get their clothes at **Country Kids** in the Princeton Shopping Center. This enchanting store offers delightful and wearable clothing for babies on up, as well as toys and accessories. Adorable holiday dresses are available for infants up to

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pre-teens, and they are irresistible in velvet, taffeta, and stretch velours in wonderful holiday colors and prints.

Pre-teen dresses in size 7 to 14 are very important at the store, and it now offers a selection from Nicole Miller in great colors.

The holiday sleepwear in red plaid flannel is cozy and warm at \$34 (also available for boys), and little girls will love the jelly plastic satchels in a variety of colors and patterns at \$10 and \$12.

The boys' coordinated shirt and pants sets from Mulberry-bush are available for infants through size 7 in the \$35 through \$49 range, and the "Mostly Mittens" designs are adorable.

And who could resist a little tot in his red velvet vest and black velvet pants on Christmas day? Available for toddler to size 7, these sets are very special.

Boys' navy blazers are on hand in sizes 4 to 20, single or double-breasted, and in the popular all-season Hopsack fabric.

Boys and girls all love the hooded cotton terry velours white robes, sizes toddler 2 to 18. (\$35 and \$50). A holiday special offers free embroidered monogram — initial or name.

Baby items include 100 percent cotton layettes for the new born, handknitted sweaters with matching hats, lovely cotton fleece blankets for \$48, and super soft Turtle Fur blankets in pink, blue, mint, and white (\$35).

Small musical pillows in duck and cat designs are \$14, and larger keepsake pillows with baby's name and birth date are a charming birth or christening announcement.

Country Kids has terrific toys, including wonderfully appealing teddy bears in all sizes, from \$10. Also available are little wooden train sets, lun ring watches in assorted animal designs (which open up to reveal a tiny watch) for \$7, and great drink bottles filled with super



CHRISTMAS TEDDIES: A variety of wonderful stuffed toys is on display at Country Kids in the Princeton Shopping Center. Teddy angels and snowman teddies adorn this Christmas tree, and a selection of other plush toys are perched below. Especially delightful is an assortment of soft elephant, bear, and bunny music boxes at \$29.

toys for boys and girls — yoyos, balls, lunny snakes, jacks, hair accessories, etc. — for \$15.

Little girls love the cotton tights in assorted colors, and the big variety of hair accessories — ribbons, bows, scrunchies, and barrettes in many, many choices.

The shop also has a nice selection of videos, as well as many audio tapes at \$9.98.

Country Kids offers gift certificates, gift packaging, and is open Monday through Saturday 10 to 6, Thursday until 7.



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The men in your life can look forward to some great gifts this holiday season. For example, consider the following:

Walking is healthy exercise, and a handsome walking stick can make it even more fun. They are \$19.98 and up at **The Nickel** in the Princeton Shopping Center, and **Luttmann's** on Witherspoon Street has a nice selection in the \$50 range.

If your guy prefers to stay inside, he might enjoy the colorful handcarved Tic Tac Toe game from India — a fun idea for the corporate executive who has everything! \$19 from **Crafts With a Conscience at the Salty Dog** on Spring Street.

An iron antique-style game table with checkerboard top from **Gasior's Furniture & Accessories** on Route 206 in Belle Mead is exceptional (\$545), and handsome leather reindeer and giraffe and wooden shore birds (\$15.99) are a nice addition to study or den, and available at **Ambleside Gardens & Nursery** in Belle Mead, which also offers a selection of wooden boxes for the desk.

If he's a fisherman, he'll get a kick out of the decorated creel box at **Saums Interiors**, 75 Princeton Avenue in Hopewell. (\$55). Decorative lighthouses for the mantel are also available, as is a decorative golf bag to hold pencils or other items on the desk. (\$68). Something different to help organize his desk is a compartmented beetle nut wood box from Saums for \$49.

Creative Hands in the Montgomery Shopping Center offers wood pen and pencil sets, business card holders, and magnifying glass at \$20 and up, and it also has a great selection of handpainted ties with holiday or sports theme for \$48.

Your guy can keep clean with the box of "Lightfoots" (four bars of pine soap) for \$25 from **Ashton-Whyte** at 250 South Main Street in Pennington, and finally why not treat him to "His Turn" massage and hydrotherapy water treatment at **Metropolis Spa & Salon** in the Princeton Shopping Center? A special gift package is \$100.

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Hopewell. Not only can this long-time family owned establishment take care of your wall and floor coverings, window treatments, upholstery, and painting needs, it also offers full interior design services. And there's more!

This year there are many more gift choices in all categories and price ranges for holiday shopping.

Decorative plates on a brass or wood stand make an attractive addition to kitchen or dining room decor, and Saums offers a nice variety in the \$20 range. Trays are always popular, and a selection of handpainted wooden styles feature pear or topiary design at \$29. A nice gift idea is to fill up the tray with a variety of goodies as a holiday presentation.

Also on display are pretty Christmas ball ornaments at \$7.95 and special gold and copper balls in cut-out design. These add a holiday look when placed in a bowl with gold leaves or in a grouping on a table or mantel. (\$42).

Replicas of antique silver candle sticks are in several handsome styles, and collectible at \$99.

Something different for the outdoor patio or picnic table is the wrought iron turtle napkin holder — fun and useful at \$18.

Another great idea for the patio is one of Saums' frosted glass lanterns with etched design. They are suitable for a candle, and offered in two sizes at \$39 and \$42.

A lovely selection of porcelain and ceramic includes Celadon jars, and a very

pretty celadon vase with bird design is \$60. A special gift is one of the store's special bronze-like pieces, including angel or globe, at \$110.

Saums also carries a variety of framed art, with a current sale offering oval botanicals at \$55. Other prints in all styles are \$49.50 and \$98.

Small mirrors are on sale for \$45, and a wide assortment of sizes and styles includes some with special beveled glass. Large mirrors are also available.

Assorted pillows and throws are on display, and Saums has an intriguing jewelry selection, with unusual items, such as a pretty beaded bracelet for \$27.50, tassel necklace at \$49, and antique button earrings and bracelets.

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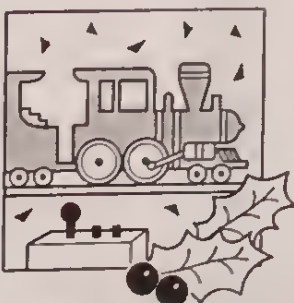
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A little beaded pouch for \$18 is great if you're going out and just need your house or car keys. In addition, Saums has a variety of the very popular and collectible hat pins, available in Art Deco glass or with buttons, at \$28 and \$32.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping are offered, and hours are Monday through Friday 8:30 to 5, Saturday 9 to 5.



The charming **CG Gallery, Ltd.**, owned by artist Elizabeth Godycki and located on Chambers Street, is always a delightful place to spend some time. It offers a large eclectic selection of antique prints, graphics, and original art — traditional and contemporary.

One of the pleasures of visiting the gallery is the chance to see the very fine pastels of Ms. Godycki, whose work is sought by collectors. She specializes in contemporary landscapes, and her wonderful use of color is particularly striking.

Also on display is a series of exceptional black and white photographs by Fred Stein, whose work was recently exhibited in a show at the gallery.

There is also a selection of unframed art starting at \$28.

In addition to the art and photography, the gallery offers an assortment of lovely holiday gift items. Gorgeous handpainted ornaments from Poland are \$12 and \$26 and come in bright red gift boxes. Especially wonderful is a



SPECIAL SELECTION: Ellen Yazujian, owner of **Ashton-Whyte** at 250 South Main Street in Pennington, is pictured in the shop's special **Palais Royale** section. A full selection of bed, bath, and table linens is available, including wonderful Egyptian cotton sheet sets in assorted patterns and colors. A nice gift idea is a **Palais Royale** gift set of three soaps and dish towel for \$26.50.

large blue ball, accented with snowflakes.

There are colorful hand-painted angel ornaments, also from Poland, and made from salted dough, for \$12.50, and lovely hand-blown glass items include candlesticks, bowls, and a variety of perfume bottles in the \$75 range.

Silver plate picture frames in several designs are \$80 and up, and also available is a selection of beautiful hand-painted silk scarves, the work of a Russian artist, offered at \$115.

Custom framing, a highlight of CG Gallery, will fulfill the

needs of the most discriminating clients. More than 1000 frame samples of many kinds are available, and the personalized, knowledgeable service is always evident.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping are offered, and hours are Monday through Saturday 10 to 6, Thursday and Friday until 7, and by appointment.



Customers who have visited **Princeton Jewelers** in the Princeton Shopping Center cannot stop talking about this beautiful new jewelry store. Just opened last June, it is especially elegant during the holidays, and visitors are immediately captivated by the Christmas tree decorated with gorgeous heirloom ornaments from Waterford Crystal.

This is the first year Waterford has offered ornaments, and the beautiful handblown balls, birds, and Santas can be the start of a stunning collection. (In the \$35 range).

Princeton Jewelry's Fitz & Floyd selection of hand-painted porcelain is so popular that items seem to fly out of the store. The Santa sleigh/soup tureen, flanked by reindeer candle holders, is a big favorite, as is the grouping of snowmen, snowy woods, and Santas — all very collectible.

Handpainted glassware, with many items in a holiday motif, is another excellent gift-giving category. Martini and champagne glasses, cheese dishes, and decorative glassware are all available in sets or individually.

Diminutive Italian ceramic boxes, white with red ribbon design, look just like gift boxes, and are very affordable at \$20. How nice to put under the tree with a special piece of jewelry inside!

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handblown colorful glass boxes can serve as card or small candle holders.

Miniature Italian perfume bottles and pill boxes sparkle with colorful Swarovski crystals, providing almost a beaded look, and they, too, are a wonderful gift.

Unique to Princeton Jewelers in the area, is its collection of the fabulous Faberge eggs, as well as chinaware. There is a wide selection of these Imperial eggs in all sizes and designs, starting at \$250. Many open to reveal treasures within, including the spectacular "Czar Alexander Caviar."

These are indeed something to see, and not only is Princeton Jewelers the only licensed dealer for Faberge in the area, it is exclusively authorized to use the authentic Romanov seal relating to the Faberge family.

The store's jewelry selection is of the finest quality, and owner Barbara Vahlsing notes that diamonds and 14k and 18k gold, platinum, genuine gem stones, and designer lines are all very strong. The elegant Memoire from Paris and Kazto from Japan are specialties.

In addition, its black South Sea pearls are something special, available in earrings, pendants, and rings. Beautiful hand-done blue cameos and lovely lockets are also on hand.

A jeweler is on the premises for custom work and repair, and all individual diamonds have been certified by an independent gem lab.

Princeton Jewelers offers unique gift certificates — coins in \$25, \$50, or \$100 denominations in special blue pouches, as well as gift wrapping, and is open Monday through Wednesday and Saturday 10 to 6, Thursday and Friday until 8.

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Handcrafted items in wood, glass, pottery, metal, jewelry, and fabric are the specialties at **Creative Hands**, the charming gift shop in the Montgomery Shopping Center. Filled with a super display of delightful gifts in many styles and price ranges, this is really a shopper's dream-come-true!

Christmas ornaments and decorations are in abundance, and include many collectible items. Some are glass, covered with rice paper, accented with real pansies, and there are porcelain angels in almost flower-like configuration (\$16.50), and lovely hand-blown glass balls in beautiful designs.

The Margaret Furlong angel ornaments are very collectible, from \$12.50, and a nice touch is a miniature Christmas book (*The Night Before Christmas* or *The Nutcracker*) together with a real holly leaf or walnut ornament in 18k gold finish (\$16 in a gift box).

Handpainted pottery and glass feature holly designs on pitchers, mugs, and bowls, and add a festive look to holiday decor.

A large selection of Judaica items is also on display, including menorahs and mezuzahs, with the Rosenthal Collection of dreidls, menorahs and mezuzahs offered in different sizes.

Pottery ranges from contemporary to traditional, with bowls, platters, pitchers, and mugs available in many patterns and price points. The "Cheer Up" mugs with tiny raised animals in the bottom are fun at \$16.

Wonderful stained glass suncatchers are special, and the collection of handblown

perfume bottles and paperweights is in all sizes and styles.

Something different is one of the shop's night lights. In very pretty and varied designs, they are \$21 and up. Very special is the selection of whimsical fairies. These tiny doll-like creatures are very collectible at \$34.

Equally fun are the "Aircraft" mobiles, with more fairies flying kites, dangling from umbrellas, or suspended from some other airborne device. In threes or singles, they are \$38 to \$48.

Creative Hands' offers lamps in pewter, raku, and pottery, and kids especially love the wonderful "Magic" lamp, with designs at the base featuring carousel horses, dolphins, sailboats, trains, etc. The heat from the light bulb causes these to turn, creating "moving pictures."

A variety of clocks in wood, metal and stained glass offers many sizes and designs. Also special are the wooden jewelry boxes (\$39 to \$300) and earring racks and towers.

The store's selection of handcrafted jewelry provides many nice choices to place inside one of the boxes. Sterling silver, semi-precious stones, and gold plate are available in many designs, from \$12.

Creative Hands offers a variety of women's clothing and accessories, with sweaters, jackets, vests, belts and scarves in lovely designs and fabrics, including chenille, all on hand in many sizes and styles.

A great children's section highlights music boxes, piggy banks, picture frames, and jewelry. There is really something for everyone at Creative Hands.

Gift certificates and gift wrapping are offered, and hours are Monday through Friday 10 to 8, Saturday until 5, and Sunday 12 to 5.



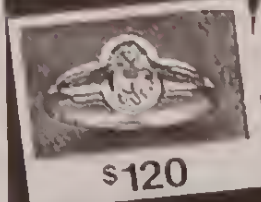
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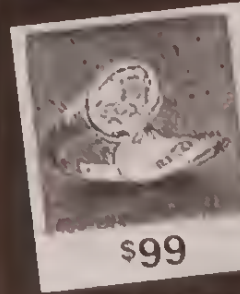
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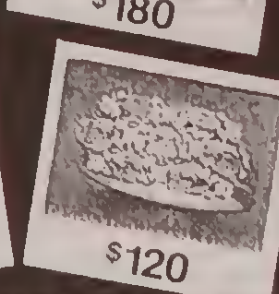


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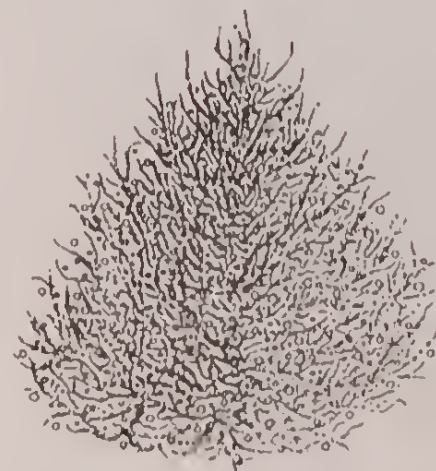
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A selection of white linen guest towels, pillows, and robes are printed with soft pastel flowers, and holiday linens include washable guest towels, handpainted with delicate cherubs, angels, and vines.

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Matteo & Co. carries Solelido French Provincial bed linens, European duvet covers in soft floral prints, and the very popular buttoned pillow shams seen on all the magazine covers now.

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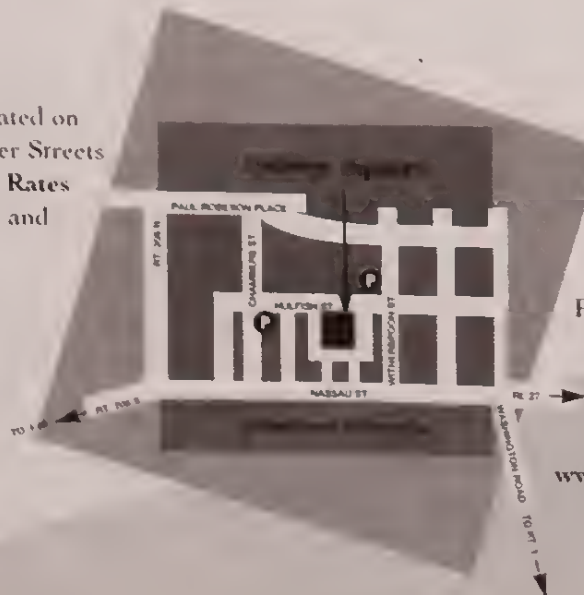
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Clubs & Organizations

Representatives from the National Executive Service Corps (NESC), a group of retired business executives who provide volunteer management help to non-profit organizations that cannot afford normal consulting fees, will describe their work to members of **55 Plus** at the regular meeting on December 18.

The meeting will take place at 10 a.m., at the Princeton Jewish Center, 43S Nassau Street.

Bob Levine, a consultant with the NESC, and Barkley



Bob Levine

Calkins, regional manager of the New Jersey and Long Island NESC offices, will address the meeting.

Boy Scout Troop #43 will conduct its annual Christmas Tree sale this year on Hulfish Street behind the Nassau Inn.

The scouts are selling balsam and Fraser firs. Trees come in all sizes; and the prices start at \$10. Decorated wreaths are \$15, while the undecorated version is available for \$10.

Proceeds are used for scholarships, for troop activities such as camping and hiking, and for the purchase of equipment.

The scouts will be selling every week day, from 3:30 to 5; Saturdays, from 9 to 5; and Sundays, from 1 to 4.

For more information, call 683-1964.

The Business and Professional Division, Women's Campaign, **United Jewish Federation of Princeton Mercer Bucks** will hold a dinner meeting at the Hyatt Regency on Thursday, December 11, at 6:30.

The speaker will be Amy Goldberg Michel, a partner in the New York consulting firm of Chock & Goldberg. The firm conducts training in sales and program presentations and speech making, in addition to other skills.

The dinner meeting will be the first in a series of networking meetings and programs for business women.

Business cards are welcome; there is a \$25 cover, with a minimum \$54 contribution to the 1998 UJF campaign.

Call the UJF office at 219-0SSS to make a reservation.

The next meeting of the **Jersey Purls Knitting Guild** will be held at the Learning Center of Princeton on Wednesday, December 17, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. This month's meeting features the annual holiday party. Bring a

Support Sources

There will be a breast cancer support meeting at the **Princeton Breast Institute**, 842 State Road, on Monday, December 15, at 12:30 p.m. Meetings take place on the second floor.

January meetings are scheduled for Monday, January 12, and Monday, January 19, at 12:30 p.m. For more information, call 924-1528.

The holidays can be a hectic, exhausting time for people with arthritis, but the **Arthritis Foundation** offers ways to help people with physical limitations deal effectively with the strains of a holiday schedule. For tips on how to stay festive and a free booklet entitled *Managing Your Activities*, call the Arthritis Foundation, New Jersey Chapter, at 482-0600 or 732-283-4300.

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The **AARP Princeton Chapter #459** will meet Thursday, December 11, at 11 a.m. in the Assembly Room of the Kingston Presbyterian Church. A Christmas luncheon and party with guests from the Princeton Nursing Home will take place at that time. Music and entertainment for all!

The Princeton chapter, **Daughters of the American Revolution**, will celebrate the holidays with a luncheon and special presentation by the Morven Society, Children of the American Revolution (C.A.R.), at the Nassau Club, 6 Mercer Street, on Saturday, December 13, at 11:30 a.m.

Following luncheon, C.A.R. members, in Colonial costume will present "History in a Basket," a program led by Melissa Olde, president of the Morven Society, using children's toys, games, and other small or portable items from the 18th Century.

Joining the chapter for this month's meeting will be Mrs. Richard S. Smith, State Regent, New Jersey State Society, DAR, as well as other state officers and the members of the Colonel Joseph Stout Chapter in Hopewell.

The meeting is open to all members of the community. Reservations for luncheon may be made by calling 924-0872.

DAR membership information is available by calling Helen Evatt, registrar of the Princeton chapter, at 924-0872.

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The Unicorn Gallery, Newly Opened on Nassau Street, Is a Showcase for Renowned Artist Gennady Spirin

The Unicorn Gallery, currently at 114 Nassau Street, is a dream come true — a dream shared by two young Princeton women, both Russian emigres, who wanted to create a showcase in Princeton for the world renowned works of fellow-Russian artist and children's book illustrator, Gennady Spirin. The gallery owners, Eleanor Welski and Tatiana Popova, share more than just a common heritage with Mr. Spirin — they are friends and neighbors who over the last five years have acclimated to Princeton along with the Spirin family. Last Sunday evening, throngs of friends and admirers gathered in the emerald green Unicorn Gallery (formerly Landau's woolen shop) to celebrate the triumph of these two women, whose perseverance has put the ethereal magic of Gennady Spirin within our grasp.

Although Mr. Spirin is an internationally celebrated artist whose works are part of several European museum collections and whose laurels include winning four gold medals from the Society of Illustrators and being named a New York Times Best Children's Book Illustrator four times, the task of creating a forum whereby art collectors could buy his originals and high-quality reproductions was one even the savviest Soho spin-doctor could not pull off. Mr. Spirin wouldn't have it.

Genius in Our Midst

Gennady Spirin, you see, is a genius in our midst, and is so deeply committed to the process of his creation that he has virtually no agenda for self-promotion. When his original art does become a commodity it has to be on his terms. As friends, Ms. Popova and Ms. Welski understood this, and embarked on the project of establishing a gallery for Mr. Spirin not merely as a business venture but primarily as a community service. (Altruism such as this in the world of art dealers is about as rare as the mythic unicorn.)

This is not to say Mr. Spirin is against the promotion of his art — those who've ventured to New York City to see the holiday window displays may have noticed Saks Fifth Avenue's entire decorative theme revolves around Gennady Spirin's illustrations for *The Nutcracker*, with scene after lavish scene of fabulously detailed soldiers, mice and sugar plum fairies in clouds of tulle. Although more obviously commercial, allying himself with the Saks Fifth Avenue holiday project is in keeping with Mr. Spirin's publishing-house history. He is shy if not reclusive, and up until now has preferred to pull his career strings from behind the velvet curtain of big business.

The Unicorn Gallery represents a career breakthrough for Mr. Spirin in that it allows for a new level of intimacy between the painter and his admirers. Perhaps the fact that the Gennady Spirin original of *The Nutcracker* is now on display in the gallery window on Nassau Street, while millions upon millions of its reproduction are gracing Saks'



A DREAM COME TRUE: Eleanor Welski, left, and Tatiana Popova, have created a showcase at 114 Nassau Street for world-renowned Russian artist and illustrator, Gennady Spirin.

storefronts, shopping bags and holiday paraphernalia on far lonelier main streets across the country is emblematic of Mr. Spirin's commitment to this community, his new hometown. Everything about his cooperation with Ms. Welski and Ms. Popov in establishing the Unicorn Gallery speaks of his willingness, even eagerness, to make his originals accessible.

The privilege of having such an important artist represented in Princeton has not gone unnoticed. The gallery opening on Sunday evening was preceded by a biographical article about Gennady Spirin in the Sunday New York Times. Speaking to the crowd at the opening just before cutting the ribbon, Edgehill Street resident and children's book author Marjorie Cuyler unabashedly referred to Gennady Spirin as "the greatest illustrator in the world" and was met by resounding applause.

Mr. Spirin's paintings had an entrancing effect on the evening, drawing the viewers into their fantasy world, where the mystical and the mundane cohabit scenes so detailed, so meticulously rendered, that the boundary between the real and the imagined is lost. Mr. Spirin's *Russian Winter*, part of the permanent collection of the Italian Museum, a snow-covered scene of richly costumed horsemen and their sleighs and steeds storming away from the minarets and humble peasant hovels of a grand fiefdom, earned a steady stream of admiring "oohs" and "aahs."

Exclamations of Marvel

Original works from Mr. Spirin's adaptations of Shakespeare's *The Tempest*, Pushkin's *The Tale of Tsar Saltan*, Chekov's *Kashanka*, as well as favorite scenes from *The Frog Prince*, *Snow White* and *Rose Red* and many others, also brought exclamations of marvel from those who could never have believed Mr. Spirin's illustrations would be even more thrilling as originals. Mr. Spirin's subtle ability to play with light, the way he indulges the common and grotesque aspects of his subject matter, and his amazing technical capability immediately bring to

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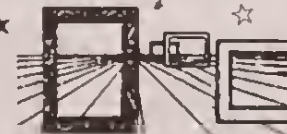
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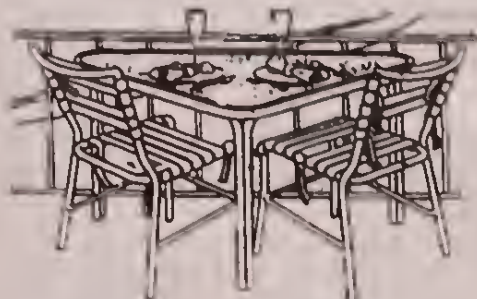
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"GRAND OLD SANTA" is just one of the works by the Princeton illustrator Gennady Spiri that will be on display at the Unicorn Art Gallery on Nassau Street through January 11.

The Unicorn Gallery

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mind Bruegel (a comparison unparalleled in the world of children's book illustration).

Indeed, the gathering of people at the gallery opening seemed filled with the wonder and celebration depicted in the paintings all around them, with adults gathered in joyful groups by the paintings and children dashing about. Many of Princeton's Russian community were present, and a 14-year-old piano virtuoso, Mariam Nazarian, performed a Chopin nocturne. Background piano was provided by another young Russian woman, Anna Miglova. It seemed a world away from the pre-Christmas shopping frenzy that Landau undoubtedly housed a year earlier, but still very much in keeping with Princeton's picture-book holiday ambience.

With the help of Kevin Waldron, an architect with Maximilian Hayden Architects, Ms. Welski and Ms. Popova transformed the space into one worthy of Mr. Spirin's paintings, but this incarnation of the Unicorn Gallery is only temporary. After January 11, The Unicorn Gallery will move to a new, permanent space, one which Ms. Popova and Ms. Welski are now searching for.

Until then, we are extremely privileged to view and purchase Gennady Spirin originals, ranging in price from \$1,200 upward, and high-quality reproductions for \$500. These reproductions are done by The Greenwich Workshop and, according to Ms. Popova, are so well done that they fooled the artist himself. Signed posters are available, as are holiday-related Russian toys and keepsakes. The Unicorn Gallery, 114 Nassau Street, is open seven days a week from 11 to 8 and by appointment. The gallery will also be a stop on the Arts Council New Year's Eve annual Curtain Calls event. For information call 252-0988.

—Courtney Chapin

ART

Missionary Art of Peru Featured in Lecture

Art in a missionary context will be the subject of a slide lecture by Professor Sabine McCormack at Princeton Seminary on Thursday, December 11 at 7 p.m.

The title of Prof. McCormack's lecture is "Art in a Missionary Context: The Church of Andahuaylillas in the Valley of Cuzco." Presently the Mellon Visiting Professor at the Institute for Advanced Study, Prof. McCormack is the author of a book on Peruvian religion titled *Religion in the Andes: Vision and Imagination in Early Colonial Peru*.

At the end of the 1998 academic year, she will return to her position as the Alice Freeman Palmer Professor of History and professor of classics at the University of Michigan.

The lecture, sponsored by the Seminary's History Department will be held in the Main Lounge of the Mackay Campus Center. It is free of charge and the public is invited to attend.

Exhibits

An exhibit of photographs by Sherry Rubel, entitled "Portraits of Women," opened December 1, at the **Exhibit Gallery at Club Cafe** in the Franklin Towne Center, Route 27, Franklin Park.

The exhibition will remain at the gallery through February. It features recent photographs taken in both the U.S. and Brazil by Ms. Rubel, a professional photographer whose studio, Photoart, is in Kendall Park.

The artist's work has been shown on the East coast, including exhibits at Encore Books and Music in the Princeton Shopping Center and at the South Brunswick Library. Her photographs are in private collections in the United States and in South America.

Hours are Tuesday through Saturday, 11 to 10, except for 2:30-5, when the Cafe is closed. Sunday hours are 9 to 9. For more information, call 732-940-6266.

The work of two prominent area artists — Leyla Spencer, Rocky Hill, and Lucy Graves McVicker, Skillman — will be featured in an exhibit at the **Upstairs Gallery in the Montgomery Cultural Center**, 124 Montgomery Road, Skillman, through December 31.

Ms. Spencer will exhibit a collection of her new works in pastel. These abstract pieces were inspired by the artist's observations during walks along the Delaware & Raritan Canal. The show represents three seasons: spring, summer, and fall.

Ms. McVicker's sensitive watercolors, also on exhibit in the gallery, are monotypes, landscapes, and floral paintings. There is a sense of closeness to natural phenomena that is a characteristic of this artist's special touch with watercolor.

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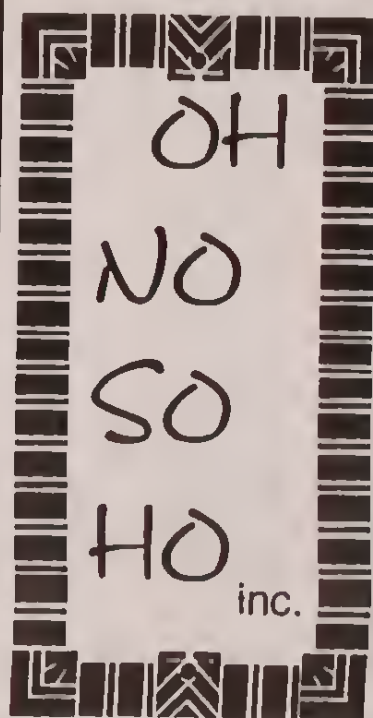
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McCarter Training Wing Presents "Three Sisters"

McCarter Theatre's Training Wing will present four free performances of Anton Chekhov's *Three Sisters* as performed by members of the Character Development class under the direction of instructor Richard Leighton. Performances are scheduled for Thursday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m., Friday, December 19 at 7:30, and Saturday, December 20 at 1 and 7 at the Forbes College Theatre on the Princeton University campus (Alexander Road across from Wawa).

Chekhov's classic play is set at the turn of the century in a small, provincial town in Russia, far from the excitement of Moscow. The play begins on the eve of the one-year anniversary of the death of General Prozorov, the father of the sisters.

Featured in the production are Princeton residents Julie Horgan, Mary Greenberg, Michael Walker and Brian Zack, as well as Chris Thrapp,

HOLIDAY STARS: Three Princeton Day School students have parts in this year's McCarter Theatre production of "A Christmas Carol," which will run through December 28. The students, from left, are, Joanna Woodruff, John F. McCarthy, and Allegra B. Asplundh-Smith.

pas, Dan Coluccio, David Sussman, Angela Jane Ford, Erin Cottrell, Joe Navickas, Michael Driscoll, Lucia Ravens, Ann Breen and Joe McGinnity.

Mr. Leighton has directed more than 50 productions in New York City and in regional theaters including the world premiere of Rod Serling's *Requiem for a Heavyweight* and the off-Broadway production of *Cor-la* by Leonard Post.

For information call the McCarter Theatre Outreach Department at 683-9100, extension 6166.

Lessons and Carols At University Chapel

The Princeton University Chapel will celebrate the beginning of the holiday season with a Candlelight Service of Lessons and Carols on Wednesday, December 10, at 8 p.m. The service will include Bible readings, traditional carols and music performed by a variety of campus singing groups.

Under the direction of Penna Rose, director of Chapel Music, the Princeton University Chapel Choir will sing *O Magnum Mysterium* by Morten Lauridsen. The *Three Kings*, by Healy Willan, will be sung by the Glee Club under the direction of Richard Tang Yuk.

Three campus o capello groups are participating in the service: the Katzenjammers will sing *Bogoroditse*, by Sergei Rachmaninoff; "O Come All Ye Faithful," arranged by Take Six, will be sung by the Footnotes; and Roaring 20 will sing *Il est né le divin enfant*, a traditional French carol. The Princeton University Gospel Ensemble is also participating. Joan Lippincott, Principal University Organist, will accompany the service.

Following the service, there will be a reception with mulled cider and cookies in front of the fireplace in Murray-Dodge Hall.

P.H.S. Winter Concert In Chapel on Dec. 18

On Thursday, December 18 at 7:30 p.m., the Princeton High School will be presenting its 52nd Annual Winter Concert at the Princeton University Chapel. More than 400 students will be performing in the Princeton High School Orchestra, Wind Ensemble, and all Choral ensembles. Choral works to be performed include Mozart's "Te Deum," Rupert Lang's "Cantate Domino," and the Brahms motet "Schaffe in Mir, O Gott." Selections by the orchestra and wind ensemble include the Coronation Scene from *Boris Godunov* and the *Rodetsky March*.

The finale of the concert is a combined choir work, "Ring Out Ye Crystal Spheres," from *Hodie* by Ralph Vaughn Williams for choir, organ, and brass. The concert is free and open to the public.



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"Messiah" Planned By Pro Musica December 19, 20

Princeton Pro Musica will present Handel's *Messiah*, on Friday, December 19 and Saturday, December 20 at Richardson Auditorium, on the Princeton University campus. Princeton Pro Musica will perform the work in its entirety, with full 120-voice chorus and Handel's orchestration. *Messiah* has the longest and most continuous performance history in the classical repertoire. Frances Fowler Slade, founder and music director, will conduct the Princeton Pro Musica orchestra and chorus.

Soloists will be Judith Pannill, soprano; Steven Rickards, countertenor; Steven Tharp, tenor; and Perry Ward, bass. Judith Pannill, who has appeared frequently in *Messiah* with New York's Musica Sacra, has been lauded by music critics for her "vocal purity" and "floating agility." Steven Rickards has received international acclaim as one of America's finest countertenors, and has made several recordings under the Koch label.

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Tickets for Handel's *Messiah* are on sale now at the Princeton Pro Musica box office, 683-5122, and after

November 20 at Richardson Auditorium's box office, 258-5000. Tickets for adults are \$27 and \$22; seniors, \$22 and \$20; students, \$10 and \$6.

Rock 'n' Roll Concert At Kelsey Theatre

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Violinist Gary Ronkin In Peddie School Concert

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Gary Ronkin received his early musical training at Moscow's Central Music School for Gifted Children and made his concert debut in 1970 at age six. Moving to the United States in 1979, he continued his education at New York's Lucy Moses School for Music and later at

the Manhattan School of Music, from which he graduated with a doctorate in 1989.

He has participated in master classes with Henryk Szeryng, Josef Gingold, Yehudi Menuhin and Maya Glezarova, and he has performed throughout the U.S., Europe, Canada, and Japan. Since 1993, he has been an artist-in-residence at the Heinkel Conservatory.



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Fuma Sacra to Present A Baroque Christmas

Christmas at Westminster, a holiday festival of music, will present A Baroque Christmas with Fuma Sacra, an o coppella choral ensemble, Sunday, December 21, and Monday, December 22, at 8 p.m. in Bristol Chapel on the campus of Westminster Choir College.

The program will include Monteverdi's *Beatus vir*, Charpentier's *In Nativitatem Domini Nostri Jesu Christi*, Cavalli's *Solve Regino*, Bach's *Lobet den Herrn* and Zelenka's *Missa Dei Filii*.

Conducted by Andrew Megill, Fuma Sacra is the ensemble-in-residence at Westminster Choir College of Rider University. It is composed of graduates of Westminster and specializes in Medieval, Renaissance and Baroque music. Fuma Sacra has appeared at Festival dei Due Mondi in Spoleto, Italy and in the Berkshire Opera Festival.

Mr. Megill is the interim associate conductor of the Westminster Symphonic Choir and a member of Westminster's conducting faculty. In addition, he is associate conductor and chorus master for the Garden State Philharmonic and opera chorus master for the Spoleto Festival U.S.A. in Charleston,

S.C. He is currently a doctoral candidate at Rutgers University.

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Kelsey Theatre To Present A Musical for Children

Sail Productions' original musical version of *The Elves and the Shoemaker* moves to the Kelsey Theatre on the West Windsor campus of Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, on Saturday, December 20 at 2 and 4 p.m. Tickets are \$7. Free parking is available across from the theater. To order tickets, call 584-9444.

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Waldorf School to Stage Medieval Mystery Play

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MUSIC REVIEW

All 20th-Century Music Program by PU Orchestra Holds Audience Captive with Its Musical Beauty

An entire program of 20th-century music is a risk most orchestras try to avoid. The more common practice is to insert a single modern piece just before the intermission, ensuring that the audience is still around to hear it. How refreshing that Michael Pratt and the Princeton University Orchestra unapologetically chose an all-20th-century program for their Thursday and Friday concerts, all three works holding the audience captive by their musical beauty.

The program opened with a buoyant work by American John Adams (b. 1947), *The Chairman Dances*; Foxtrot for Orchestra. In the "minimalist" style (an unfortunate moniker for music with such substance), the composition is a distillation of Act III of Adams' opera *Nixon in China*. The centerpiece of the act occurs when Mao's wife breaks into a foxtrot that lures even the Chairman onto the floor to dance.

The Orchestra showed excellent mastery of Adams' complex rhythmic combinations that, when played correctly, are key to the work's effectiveness — the push of many syncopated patterns against the pull of the steadily pulsing beat. Michael Pratt, who was honored during the concert in recognition of his arrival in Princeton 20 years ago to become the conductor of the Orchestra, kept the large ensemble together admirably, even across section breaks that introduced contrasting patterns. The Orchestra gave firm, dramatic shape to undulations of volume from soft to loud and back to soft again.

For its next work, the Orchestra played Hungarian composer Zoltán Kodály's *Háry János Suite*. Like the preceding work, *Háry János* derives from an opera — a tale about a Hungarian peasant who dazzles Vienna and its court and manages to defeat Napoleon in a battle, but decides in the end to return to his simple life. Kodály's charming music calls for a large orchestra, like the other works on the program, including a wonderful array of percussion instruments.

The Orchestra was particularly effective in the third and fifth movements of the suite. In the third, entitled "Song," the violin and wind solos stood out beautifully against a silky string background, made nubby at times by the buzzy sound of a "prepared piano" (the "preparation" being metallic objects sitting on the strings).

In the fifth movement, "Intermezzo," Pratt created a humorous, almost bolsterous effect by prolonging notes at the end of key phrases and then pouncing on the succeeding phrases.

After intermission the Orchestra played six excerpts from Prokofiev's *Romeo and Juliet Suite*. The ensemble gave compelling voice to the broad range of expression demanded by the suite, from the lush Romanticism of the "Romeo and Juliet" movement to the strict, unsentimental funeral march for the "Death of Tybalt." The principal string and wind players sparkled in the suite's numerous solo passages.

—Linda Tyler

Open Auditions Set For Kelsey Production

The Kelsey Theatre on the West Windsor campus of Mercer County Community College will hold open auditions for *Joseph and the Amazing Technicolor Dreamcoat*, on Monday, December 15 and Wednesday, December 17 at 7 p.m. The first collaboration of Sir Andrew Lloyd Webber and Tim Rice, this Pierrot Productions' version will be directed by Pete LaBriola, with Lou Woodruff as musical director.

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There will be six Kelsey Theatre performances, Friday, February 20, and Saturday, February 21 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, February 22 at 4 p.m., and another weekend run on Friday, February 27 and Saturday, February 28 at 8 p.m., and Sunday, March 1 at 4 p.m.

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The perennial favorite, 'Twas the Night Before Christmas, will be staged at the Kelsey Theatre on the West Windsor campus of Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road. In keeping with the holiday spirit, there will be carolling and hot-mulled cider in the theater lobby before the show.

Performed by The Kelsey Caravan, the college's touring theater company composed of local actors who specifically auditioned for this production, there will be three performances: Friday, December 12 at 7 p.m. and Saturday, December 13 at 2 and 4 p.m. Tickets are \$7. Free parking is available from the theater. To order tickets, call 584-9444.

Three Seasonal Concerts Offered Free to Public

Mercer County Community College, 1200 Old Trenton Road, will present three free holiday concerts.

A choral concert will take place Sunday, December 14, at 2:30 p.m. in room 156 in the Communications Center. Under the direction of Paul Scheld, the Mercer County Community College Chorus will perform a variety of works, including music by Schubert, Rutter, Webber, and Mendelssohn. Student soloists will be featured.

On Thursday, December 18, at 8 p.m. in the Kelsey Theatre, the Mercer County College Jazz Band will perform a varied jazz repertoire program.

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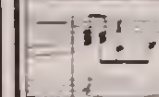
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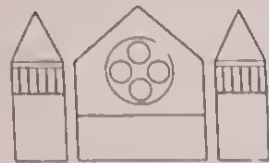
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Mazzetti-Shamburg.

Katherine Andre Mazzetti, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Peter Mazzetti, Winant Road, to Christopher James Shamburg, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Shamburg, Jersey City.

Ms. Mazzetti is a graduate of Stuart Country Day School of the Sacred Heart. She received a B.A. degree in English literature from Loyola college and a masters degree in Shakespearean Studies from the Shakespeare Institute, Stratford-upon-Avon, England. She is employed by the 92nd Street "Y" in New York City.

Mr. Shamburg received a B.A. degree and a masters degree in English literature from Rutgers University. He is a doctoral candidate in educational technology at Columbia University. He is a teacher at the Hudson County School of Technology in Jersey City.

The couple plans a June wedding.

Young-Schaefer.

Stephanie Mara Young, daughter of Neil and Dana Young, Skillman, to John Jeffrey Schaefer, son of Paul and Diana Schaefer, Falls Church, Va.

Ms. Young is a graduate of The Hun School and of Old Dominion University, Norfolk, Va. She is a physical education teacher in the Falls Church City schools and coaches high school soccer and diving.

Mr. Schaefer is a graduate of Calvert Hall High School, Baltimore, Md., and Marymount University, Arlington, Va. He is employed as a branch manager for Enterprise Car Sales in New Carrollton, Md. In addition, he coaches soccer in the Northern Virginia Soccer Association.

The couple plans a June 1998 wedding in Falls Church.

Murphy-Davis. Kelli Eileen Murphy, daughter of

Mrs. James E. Murphy, Hopewell, and the late James E. Murphy, to Bradley W. Davis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Davis of Concord, N.C., formerly of Plainsboro.

Ms. Murphy is a graduate of Notre Dame High School. She received a B.A. degree in communications from Rowan University. She is employed by Technology, Management and Funding, L.P., in Princeton.

Mr. Davis is a graduate of West Windsor-Plainsboro High School and is employed by McMaster-Carr Supply Company in Dayton.

A September 1998 wedding is planned.

Bennett-Churgin.

Samantha Gwen Churgin, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Sy Churgin, Port Washington, N.Y., to Andrew Charles Bennett, son of Mrs. David Egger, Princeton, and Arthur Bennett, New York City; August 23, at Oheka Castle in Cold Spring Harbor, N.Y., Rabbi Joel Zion officiating.

The bride is a graduate of Lehigh University and earned an M.S. degree in waste management from the State University of New York (SUNY) at Stony Brook. She is employed by Walden Associates, an environmental consulting company.

Mr. Bennett is a graduate of Princeton High School and Lehigh University. He received an M.S. degree in hydrogeology from SUNY, Stony Brook. He is employed by Louis Berger & Associates, an environmental engineering firm.

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Set the VCR: Princeton Heads to UNC; Tigers and Tar Heels Battle on ESPN

Here's the good news: the Tiger basketball team was 6-0 headed into Tuesday night's road game against Bucknell, and stood a good chance of being 7-0 by the time it travels to North Carolina for a Saturday evening game (8:30 p.m., ESPN).

The bad news is this: from last Saturday afternoon, when they crushed Virginia Tech 78-57, to this coming Saturday, when they meet the Tigers at Chapel Hill, the AP No. 2 North Carolina Tar Heels have had nothing to do but think about how they should play Princeton.

This is a big opportunity for the Tigers to show the country what kind of basketball team they are. North Carolina will not be ambushed on Saturday. The Tar Heels are a week removed, in either direction, from another game that means anything (they face a very weak Hampton squad on Tuesday and then do not play again until they face No. 16 Florida State on Saturday). Princeton's ranking in the two major polls (No. 22 in the AP poll, No. 20 in the USA Today/ESPN poll) guarantees that the Tigers will be taken seriously in Chapel Hill.

If Princeton beats North Carolina, or even loses a close game, it will have to do it on skill, talent, and guts alone.

The 9-0 Heels are considered by most in the country to be the second-best team in the best conference in the country. Fellow ACC power Duke currently owns the top slot in both major polls.

Antawn Jamison, much to the dismay of everybody except first-year UNC coach Bill Guthridge, did not declare himself eligible for the NBA draft last season. The 6'8 power forward is back in the blue and white to terrorize UNC's opposition.

Also figuring heavily in the UNC lineup are guards Shammond Williams and Ed Cota, and small forward Vince Carter.

Seahawks Tough, Leopards Rough

In a pair of games this week, the Tigers faced a solid challenge from visiting University of North Carolina-Wilmington, and an anemic effort from disappointing Lafayette. Princeton outlasted the Seahawks to win 63-50 on Wednesday, and then whipped the Leopards 73-48 on Saturday.

UNCW rallied from an early 5-0 Princeton

lead to go ahead 6-5 with 15:47 to play in the first half. The Seahawks stayed a few points ahead of the Tigers for most of the opening frame.

The Tiger offense was lackluster for the first 15 minutes of play, until senior captain Mitch Henderson took it upon himself to do something about it. At the 4:20 mark, he cut the UNCW lead to 23-21 on a driving layup. Thirty seconds later he tied the score on a second drive into the paint.

Henderson stole the ball on the next Seahawk possession, leading to a slam dunk by fellow captain Steve Goodrich that put the Tigers ahead 25-23. He continued his offensive outburst with another driving layup, a three-pointer, and a pair of foul shots, but the visitors would not lie down. For every basket Henderson scored, UNCW had an answer, including a jumper with 13 seconds remaining that gave the Seahawks a 33-32 halftime lead.

"I sort of went after them at halftime, because I felt like we were just kind of floating around in that first half," said Princeton coach Bill Carmody after the game. "Last year we were a very good first half team; this year we have not been. We're like a boxer in the first couple of rounds feeling [the opponent] out, and I don't think with a team like this that we should have to feel guys out."

It took another 10 minutes for the Tigers to assert themselves in the second half. Brian Earl put the Tigers in the lead right away, with a three-pointer at 19:37, but the lead would change hands twice more before junior forward Gabe Lewulis delivered the killing blow.

Goodrich broke a 44-44 tie with a two-pointer in the lane at the 11:33 mark. A minute later, Lewulis canned a three-pointer, then came down the court to make a steal. He hit a second three-pointer on the Tigers' possession, and blocked a UNCW layup at the other end. A back-door feed from Goodrich to Lewulis capped the run and gave the Tigers a 54-46 lead with 5:57 remaining.

While the offense was busy taking care of business at its end, the Tiger defense had become extremely stingy. The Seahawks scored only one field goal in the final 12 minutes of play. UNCW's impressive guards — Stan Simmons and Mark Byington — were held to nine points and three points,

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respectively. As a team, the Seahawks scored only four points over the final 8:40.

"I thought that Henderson and [James] Mastaglio did a hell of a job on those two guys," said Carmody, who had put Henderson on Byington and Mastaglio on Simmons. "Those guys are good players, and I didn't feel like they got many good looks."

Lewullis ended the game as high-scorer, with 20 points. He also collected seven rebounds, five assists, two blocks and a steal — all with no turnovers. Goodrich finished with 16 points, eight rebounds, three assists, and no turnovers.

The Lafayette Leopards, who had beaten four Ivy League teams prior to their meeting with the Tigers on Saturday, did not live up to the advance billing. Earl netted three consecutive three-pointers in the opening minutes, and scored all of his 19 points in the first half, as the Tigers pulled out 40-24 in the opening 20 minutes.

Princeton limited the Leopards to an identical 24 points in the second half, while scoring 33 themselves to coast to an easy victory. Lewullis finished with 17 points, and Goodrich scored 12.

Around the Ivy

In other Ivy League action, Harvard remained undefeated, beating Army 75-59 and Holy Cross 81-70 to improve to 5-0. The Crimson's Mike Scott was named Ivy league Player of the Week. The young Harvard squad got a boost with the insertion of two-time Rookie of the Week Dan Clemente into the lineup, and is seeing strong

HIM AGAIN: Junior guard Gabe Lewullis has turned himself into the Tigers most potent offensive weapon so far this season, averaging 15.5 points per game. He is also the team's leading rebounder, with 5.5 per game. Lewullis scored 17 in Saturday's rout of Lafayette.

(Photo by Daily Princetonian)

play from guard Tim Hill and sophomore forward Damian Long.

The 3-4 Penn Quakers lost to No. 3 Kansas 89-71 on Monday night, to go 0-2 in the Franklin National Bank Classic. They had lost to George Washington 66-62 the previous night. Senior guard Garret Kreltz is carrying most of the weight for Penn, while sophomore guard Michael Jordan is slowed by a bad ankle.

Columbia, also 3-4, improved its record this week with wins over Drew University and Troy State. The Lions lost to Eastern Washington.

Ivy League play begins on Tuesday, with Dartmouth traveling to Harvard for a 7 p.m. meeting.

—Rob Garver

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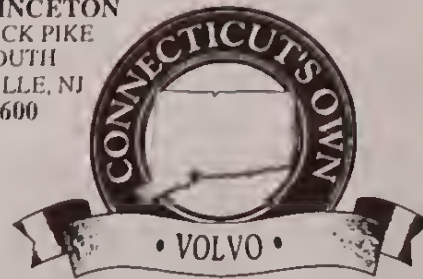
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First-Place Yale Hockey Shows Why It Belongs There; Loss Drops Tigers from Fourth to Sixth Place in ECAC

If there were any Princeton fans questioning what Yale was doing riding high atop the ECAC standings when it came to Baker Rink last Saturday night they had their answer by the time the Elis departed with a 3-2 victory.

This was a contest Princeton (6-3-3, 2-3-2 ECAC) wanted desperately to win to be able to continue its fine start in league play, and remain somewhere near the top. But the Tigers couldn't crack the Bulldogs' solid defense, and now will have to wait until the new year before resuming ECAC competition.

The loss dropped them from fourth place into a tie for sixth with RPI, both with six points, while Yale, with double that number, shares first with Colgate. Clarkson and Harvard have both moved ahead of the Orange and Black, and Union and St. Lawrence are just a point behind.

Coming up this Friday is a non-league contest with UMass, beginning at 7:30 in Baker Rink. Princeton holds a 4-1 edge in the series, winning 7-2 a year ago on the road, and losing here, 3-1, in 1995.

Then coach Don Cahoon's players are off for a 10-day trip to play hockey in Europe. They return a couple of days before Christmas, and will face Boston University on Tuesday, December 30. ECAC play will resume Friday and Saturday, January 2 and 3 here against Union and RPI.

Rebuilding Pays Off

There have been some lean years in New Haven recently, but now things are beginning to pay off for Yale coach Tim Taylor.

"It's a testimony to the term 'rebuilding,'" Taylor said after Saturday's game. "Last year we were rebuilding. Everybody said it seemed we were rebuilding year after year after year. But we knew we had a pretty good freshman class last year and I played them a lot."

That has paid off for Taylor this season. This young team, including seven sophomores, has won eight of its first 10 games, largely on the strength of a stifling defense that has allowed just nine goals in seven ECAC contests. Spearheading that defense is junior goalie Alex Westlund, a Lawrenceville graduate, who had a goals-against-average of 1.67 and a save percentage of .941 entering the Princeton game.

The defense has been helped by outstanding forechecking by the forwards, which has made it difficult for opposing teams to generate controlled rushes into the Yale zone. This was indeed the case Saturday night.

Frustrating Night

Constantly frustrated by Eli skaters, the Tigers were unable to get much going on offense for most of the night. And when the visitors were able to get the puck by Tiger goalie Erasmo Saltarelli twice in the first period, they were able to maintain their defensive mode for the rest of the game.

"They're a different team with the lead, I'm willing to bet," commented Cahoon. "If we're up by two, it's a different

game. But they forced errors by making simple plays. They're real quick and they're disruptive and because they're so disruptive, they create chances."

The first of these came just two minutes into the game. A pass from behind the net was converted into a Yale goal by Jeff Brow, standing right in front of Saltarelli. The Elis struck again at 15:18 when Jeff Hamilton's slapshot from the point was initially blocked. He raced for the rebound and so did the Tigers' Michael Acosta, who knocked the puck into his own net by mistake.

Old Nassau finally got on the scoreboard at 9:02 of the second. Jeff Halpern got the puck to Scott Bertoli in the slot. Westlund managed to save his shot, but not a follow-up one by Casson Masters. Those were Princeton's first two shots of the period; it had only 10 shots in the first 40 minutes, and only 22 overall.

Yale got that back when Cory Shea scored on a break-away, and took a 3-1 lead into the third. Princeton tried hard to make up the two-goal deficit, getting twice as many shots on net in the third period as the first two combined. Bertoli, assisted by Halpern and Acosta, cut the lead to 3-2 with 3:35 left, but that was it. Because of Yale's constant pressure, Princeton was only able to pull Saltarelli in favor of a sixth skater with eight seconds left.

Yale's defense was also stifling when Princeton was a man up. The Tigers had four power plays, including one of five minutes, but got off very few shots. The two teams will meet again in New Haven January 31.

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After 25 Years as a Football Coach, Bill Long Steps Down from Hun Post

When Bill Long took his first job as a head football coach he was 24 years old — younger than all of his assistant coaches. In his 25th year of coaching, he looked around the sidelines, and saw that just the opposite was true. The 49-year-old Long, who has coached the past 11 seasons at the Hun School, and 14 seasons before that at the Pennington School, announced last week that he had resigned his position.

"I'm just getting a little older," he said Monday. "Although I certainly love the relationship I have with the young people and my coaches, as I turn 50 some of the other things have started to outweigh those." Among those things he numbered administrative tasks and long bus rides — both of which he has seen plenty of since he took over the football program at the Pennington School as a 24-year-old head coach in 1972.

Long had come to Pennington in 1971 as a member of the admissions department. In 1972, he took over as athletic director and head coach of the football and basketball programs at the school. He remained at Pennington for 14 years in that capacity, leaving to come to the Hun School in 1986. In his years at Pennington, Long's football teams compiled a 95-18-7 record, and won seven Prep B state titles.

After the 1986 season, head coach Bill Quirk stepped down and after a year off, Long found himself back on the sidelines of prep school football. Beginning with the 1987 squad, Long directed the Raiders for 11 seasons, putting together a 79-18 record and winning five Prep A state championships.

Long's career totals add up to 174 wins, 37 losses, and seven ties, for a winning percentage of .798.

PHS Hockey, Still Undefeated, Looks to Strong Year

So who were the Solberger brothers anyway?

The Princeton High School ice hockey team, consigned in the minds of many to the second-tier of the CVC after the loss of brothers Mark and Niclas Solberger last year, has launched itself with a 2-0-1 start.

The Tigers opened the season a week ago Tuesday with a surprising 5-4 win over traditional power West Windsor-Plainsboro, tied Nottingham on Friday 2-2, and drubbed Lawrence 4-1 on Monday.

Second-year coach Paul Merrow is pleased with his team's start, but warns that the teamwork that gave the Tigers their good start will have to endure all year long.

"Last year Mark and Nick were a two-man show, and everybody else was the supporting cast. This year there are no superstars. This team is going to have to work together," Merrow said.

The Tigers will benefit from a young but speedy front line, and a very physical, experienced defensive line this season.

The first line consists of freshman Kevin Graydon, at center, with junior Jim Garito and sophomore Eric Krieger at the wings. The second line contains another freshman center: Kyle Hansen, with junior Tom Shannon and sophomore Truestar Urian at wings.

"We have a lot of speed up front," said Merrow. "We're a little on the small side, but they move well with the puck."

The defense is anchored by senior captain Jeff Graydon and junior Ben Brener. They are ably backed up by two more experienced juniors, Ben Farber and Jeff Weiner.

"We have pretty decent size back there, and we like to play physical in our own end," says Merrow.

In the net is sophomore Jeff Wu, who has improved from last year — as evidenced by his 17-save performance in Monday's 4-1 defeat of Lawrence High.

"We're looking to build toward good team unity," says Merrow, "and so far, so good. We have a basic core of guys who want to work hard. We want to get back to the Mercer County Tournament this year, and to qualify for the state tournament."

Beating the Pirates

Princeton came into last Tuesday's game with WW-P having gone five straight seasons without beating the Pirates. That changed when Shannon netted his second goal of the game to break a 4-4 tie with 2:06 left in the third period.

The Pirates had opened the game with a morale-sapping goal just 20 seconds after the face-off, but the Tigers rebounded when Shannon scored on an assist from Brener at the 8:40 mark. PHS went ahead 2-1 on a Jim Garito goal at 13:20.

Kevin Graydon scored on an assist from Krieger to give PHS a 3-1 lead, but the Pirates rattled off two unanswered goals to tie the score again. With 2:16 to play in the second period, Krieger scored to give the Tigers the lead again.

WW-P refused to lie down, tying the score with 5:21 to play in the game, but Shannon's final tally ended the scoring. PHS outshot WW-P 41-28. Wu made 24 saves.

PHS ran into a very talented goalkeeper in Nottingham's Matt Crea Friday, and in spite of peppering him with more than 50 shots, could only score two goals. The Tigers allowed a pair themselves, and had to settle



BIG WINNER: Bill Long, who resigned last week after 25 seasons as a prep school football coach, amassed a .798 career winning percentage in 14 years at Pennington Prep and 11 years at the Hun School.

"I've coached a lot of games and a lot of great kids," said Long. One of his fondest memories is of the 1994 season, when Bill Long Jr. was captain and starting center. "It was a real treat, not only having my son on the team, but also the captain," he says.

Long will remain at Hun in his position as Dean of Students, and will continue to teach history. He knows that there will be days when he will wish he was back on the field — particularly next season. "At times this year we started 11 juniors and sophomores. It's going to be hard to watch them next year — I think they're going to be very good."

No successor had been named at press time, but an announcement was expected later this week.

for a tie.

On Monday, The Tigers allowed Lawrence to stay close through the 1-1 first period, but shut down the Cardinal offense after that, while scoring three more goals themselves.

Garito tallied twice, and Urian and Krieger had one goal apiece. Wu faced 18 shots and made 17 saves.

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GOING FOR TWO: Princeton Day's Jessica Batt heads toward the basket in action in Friday afternoon's first round game against Hun in the Stuart Tip-Off Tournament. (Photo by Bill Allen/NJ SportAction)

PDS Girls Quintet Opens Its Season With 1-1 Split

For as many years as the Princeton Day girls basketball team has opened its season with the Stuart Country Day Tip-Off Tournament, the Panthers have almost always split their first two games. This year, like the last five in a row, was no exception.

Last Friday, coach Jill Thomas' team was outgunned from the start by Hun, losing 49-28, but in Saturday's consolation round, PDS rebounded to defeat Stuart, 33-26. Blair which had nipped the Tartans by a point, 37-36, in the other first round game, won the two-day affair with a 65-52 victory over Hun.

In the opener the Raiders jumped out to a 15-3 lead over Princeton Day, and never looked back. They increased that to 29-13 in the second quarter. PDS managed to hold Hun to just one point in the third period, but couldn't get back into it, because the Blue and White only scored four itself. Hun pulled further away in the final frame.

No one managed to get into double figures for PDS. Kari Zarzecki scored eight points, Page Schmucker had six, and Jess Collins and Tracey Spliner had five apiece.

Schmucker led the way in Saturday's win over Stuart, scoring 13, as PDS rallied from behind to take this one. Stuart led 10-6 after one period, 16-14 at the half, but by the end of the third PDS had climbed into a 22-21 lead. In the final eight minutes, the difference was at the foul line. PDS hit seven of 11 attempts, while the host team could sink just one of five.

A pair of home games is on Princeton Day's schedule this week. On Wednesday it will face Solebury, and Friday it will have its own opportunity to knock off Blair.

PDS Hockey Opens With Tie with Rye

The highly anticipated Princeton Day hockey season, the one supposed to bring the Panthers back to competitive status in prep hockey after years in the doldrums, opened with a tie last week.

It came against a Rye sextet that PDS had not beaten in several years of losing seasons. Two years ago it did finish on the plus side of .500, but that was achieved by filling the schedule with several weak high school teams. None of those appear on the current PDS schedule. Instead, Princeton Day has lined up contests with virtually all the top hockey playing schools in the state, public and private.

The Panthers obviously would have liked to start with a victory, but all things considered they'll take the 3-3 deadlock, playing a 3-0 Rye team on its ice. Not only that, but the Blue and White had to rally from a 3-0 deficit to get the tie. The home team opened with a pair of first period tallies, and added another in the second, before the Panthers started to roll.

They got one back later in the second when Tim Firth scored, and then a pair of goals by Craig Weissman tied it in the third. PDS was outshot 35 to 20, but Andrew Warren stood tall in goal, making 32 saves.

This Thursday PDS will shoot for its first win when it faces Roxbury High School on the road. Friday's game with Morristown-Beard will be played at Ice Land.

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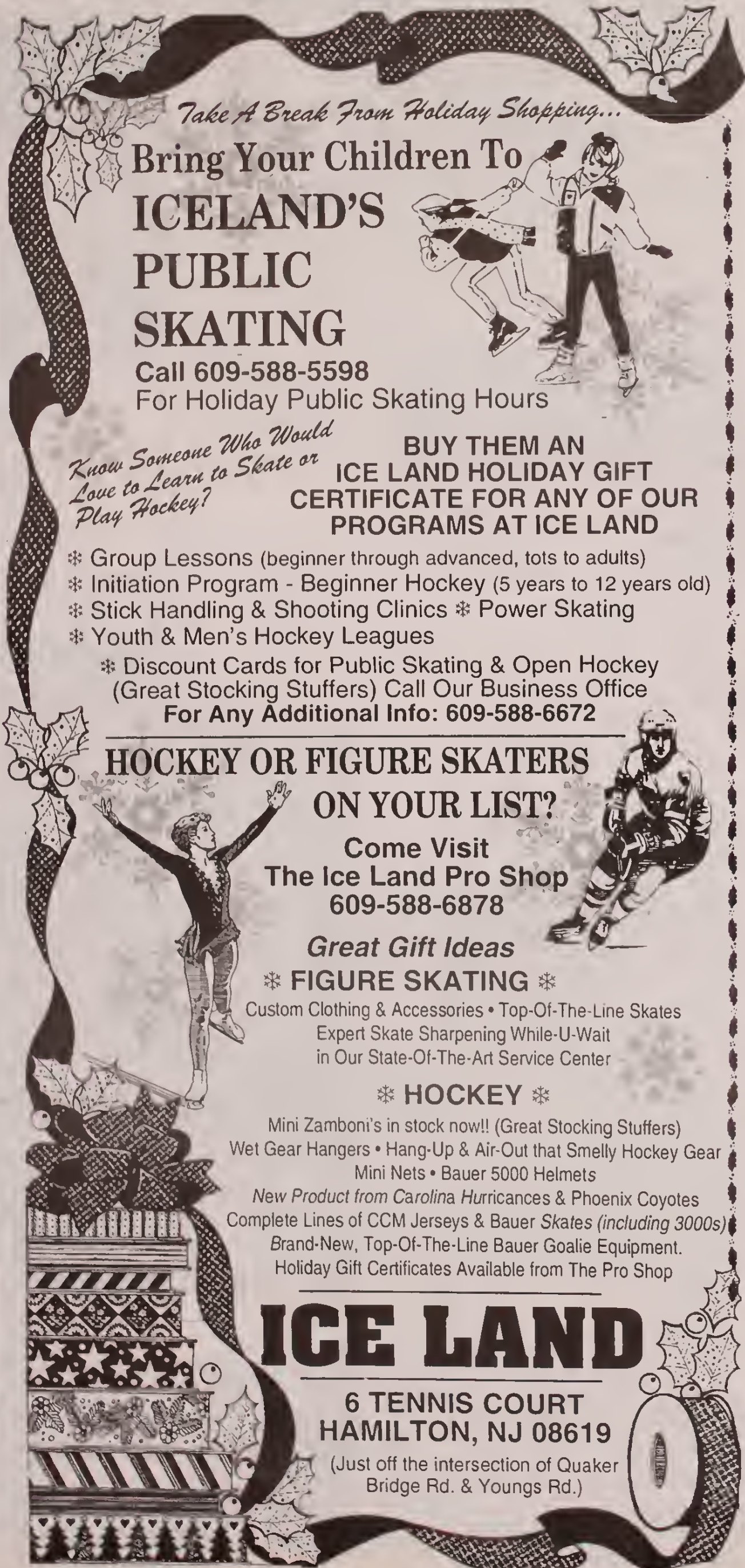
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PDS 5 Opens With Win Over Prep A Foe Blair

The Princeton Day basketball team is out to prove something this season, and in that respect it certainly got off on the right foot last Saturday.

Coach Alan Taback has decided to test himself and his players and move his defending Prep B champions up to Prep A, and play the best private schools in the state. The first challenge came against Blair, and PDS passed it with flying colors, winning 56-31. The Buccaneers aren't the best team the A division has to offer, but PDS' 25-point margin of victory on their court was impressive.

Taback's troops showed no effects of the long bus ride to Blairstown, and jumped out to a 12-6 lead at the end of the first period. By halftime the Blue and White was up by 27-9, and it was smooth sailing the rest of the way.

Three veteran players led a balanced scoring attack. Ted Shoaf led with a game-high 18 points, followed by co-captain Justin Leith with 15 and co-captain J.P. LaBosco with 13.

This will be a challenging schedule for the Panthers this winter. After a game against Rutgers Prep set for this past Tuesday, PDS will enter the highly competitive eight-team Peddie Invitational Tournament. Its first round contest will be against Solebury, with semifinals, finals and consolation rounds set for Saturday and Sunday. Also playing are Hun, Lawrenceville, St. Benedict's, Hill, Wardlaw and the host school.



RAIDERS START STRONG: Hun School junior Gaby Tuschak shoots over a PDS defender during Hun's season-opening win over the Panthers last week. Tuschak scored eight points.

(Bill Allen, NJ SportAction photo)

Hun Girls Open 1-2; Lose in "Tip-Off" Title

The Hun School girls' basketball team got off to a strong start last week, splitting a pair of games in the

Tip-Off Tournament. The Raiders opened with a first-round win over Princeton Day School, 49-28, and fell to Blair 65-52 in overtime in the title game.

Hun roared out to a 15-3

first-quarter lead against the Panthers, and increased the margin to 29-13 at the half. After a third quarter in which only five points were scored, the Raiders went on to win going away, with 19 in the fourth.

Danielle Wojciechowski was the Raiders' high-scorer, with 16 points, followed by Courtney Tierney, with 15. Junior guard Erin Cahill, troubled by the flu, scored four points.

In the title game, the Raiders led early, but saw the Bucs rally to take a five-point lead into the fourth quarter. The Raiders went ahead 49-48 on a basket by Wojciechowski with 14 seconds left, but Blair tied the score at 49 to send the game into overtime. In the extra period, the Bucs outscored Hun 16-3 to run away with the title.

Tierney led the Raiders with 19, and Wojciechowski scored 15.

On Monday, Hun fell 51-38 to Rutgers Prep. A 20-8 first quarter made the difference, as the teams played even ball after that. Tierney paced the Raiders with 15, and Tammy Scheer scored 10.

Hun hosts Stuart at 4 p.m. on Wednesday, and plays in the Academy of New Church Tournament this weekend. On Tuesday, the Raiders host Morristown-Beard at 4 p.m.

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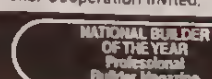
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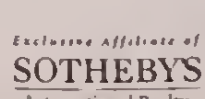
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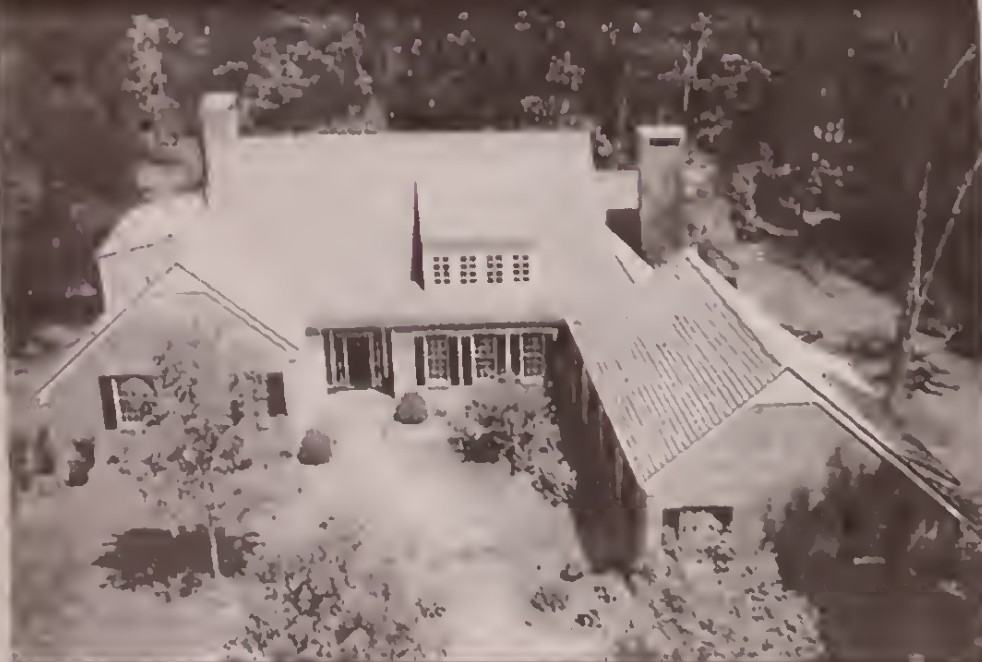
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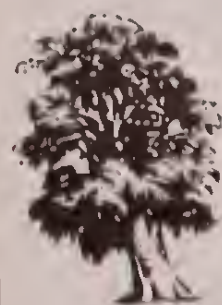
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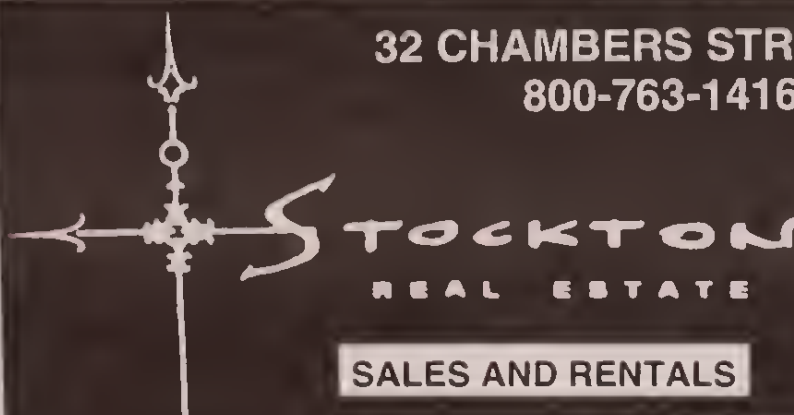
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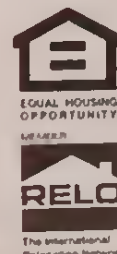
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